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United cancels flights again

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Cape Air/United Airlines flights between Guam and Saipan have once again been cancelled, this time up to Aug. 6, with United offering an accommodating flight tomorrow morning and for the evenings leading up to the sixth.

A United Airlines statement yesterday did not provide a reason for the latest cancellation. In previous statements, it cited "mechanical issues" for the cancelled flights.

The first accommodating flight flew yesterday evening, leaving Guam at 7:30pm and arriving on Saipan at

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Inos appoints Birnbrich as AG

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Birnbrich

Gov. Eloy S. Inos nominated yesterday acting attorney general Gilbert Birnbrich as attorney general, subject to the Senate's approval. If senators swiftly confirm his appointment, Birnbrich would hold the post for only about five months,

when the CNMI's first elected AG takes his oath of office in January.

Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the nomination will be immediately forwarded to the Committee on Executive Appointments and

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SAFETY HAZARD

A portion of corrugated iron used as protective cover for broken glass windows and doors in this former garment factory in San Antonio now lies on the ground, posing a safety hazard to passersby especially because of strong winds that have the potential to blow them away and hit people, houses and vehicles.

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

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» House speaker, Ways and Means chair among latest candidacy filers

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Initiatives to shrink the CNMI government's size such as having a 12-member unicameral Legislature or abolishing municipal councils, along with extend-

ing land leases up to 99 years, won't be presented to voters for ratification in November because lawmakers are no longer expected to be able to pass them by tomorrow's deadline.

Even if the Senate passes on Rota today Sen. Paul Manglona's (Ind-Rota)

legislative initiative capping government spending at \$104.32 million, the House is not expected to call an emergency session for it.

"It's tough to have everyone agree on the same thing these days. But I hope in

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Middle school administrators welcome transition

“Some [middle school] stu-

"I was a sixth grade teacher for the longest time, and that age group [goes through] the

“Hopefully [the transition] will reduce the amount of disci-

By doing this, schools may avoid more discipline problems,

Arriola said he is glad that their new principal, Lynn Mendiola, was previously vice principal at Hopwood Junior High

Middle schools handle 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Junior high handles 7th and 8th grades only.

Bordallo introduced this bill at the request of the Guam Legislature. On June 16, 2014, the Legislature unanimously passed Resolution 379-32 (LS), introduced by Sen. Mike San Nicolas and Speaker Judi Won Pat.

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Lawmaker moves to make officials' finances public

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Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan) will be pre-filing as early as this week a bill that will make readily available to the public all elected and appointed CNMI government officials' statement of financial interest, including those of the governor, lawmakers, justices, and judges, similar to what over 30,000 federal officials do under the law.

Leon Guerrero said the list of officials required to file their statement of financial interest with the Office of the Public Auditor "may" be expanded to include those in supervisory level or those with responsibility over other government personnel.

"It's not about knowing who's the richest or the poorest elected officials. It's about knowing where they are getting their assets, where they get their money besides from government salaries. Are they getting funding from certain interests?" Leon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

This comes some three months after Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) sent an open letter to the Legislature for a piece of legislation that will make public government officials' financial statements filed with OPA. The delegate reiterated his call last week.

Leon Guerrero, who just came back from Florida, said he has done research about financial disclosures and believes it's about time those elected and ap-

pointed to office should be more transparent with their finances.

Echoing Sablan's statement, Leon Guerrero said if thousands of federal officials could release their financial records to the public, then there must be no constitutional issues or privacy concerns.

"Unless they are hiding something," Leon Guerrero said. "This bill is again part of my mission to make this government more transparent and more accountable."

The delegate, for his part, said since public officials make decisions that affect the financial interest of everyone in the CNMI, "it is only right that we should all know how those decisions affect the pocketbooks of public officials."

Just recently, data from OPA

showed that nearly 21 percent or 70 of 334 CNMI government officials required to file a statement of financial interest for calendar year 2013 continue to fail to file their statement beyond the May 31 deadline. They

have since continued to accrue a \$10 daily penalty.

Unlike many other jurisdictions and countries, CNMI law does not make financial statements public. The assets and liabilities of elected officials are

not readily available for public inspection. OPA can only release the documents with the consent of the filer.

"I am hoping that my colleagues will support this bill," Leon Guerrero added.

NOTABLES

MinHee Lee named to Binghamton U Dean's List

BINGHAMTON, NY—Min-Hee Lee of Saipan received academic honors from the Harpur College of Arts and Sciences at Binghamton University by making the Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester. Binghamton University is one of the four university centers of the State University of New York. Binghamton enrolls close to 15,000 students in programs

leading to bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. Its curriculum, founded in the liberal arts, has expanded to include selected professional and graduate programs. (PR)

Saipan resident graduates from UMass Boston

BOSTON, MA—Saipan resident Lizelle Amirez graduated from the University of Massachusetts Boston during the university's 46th commence-

ment ceremonies on May 30. A record 3,994 students graduated from UMass Boston, as enrollment continues to grow at the university's harbor campus.

Celebrating its 50th anniversary, the University of Massachusetts Boston's 11 colleges and graduate schools serve more than 16,000 students while engaging local and global constituents through academic programs, research centers, and public service. To learn more, visit www.umb.edu. (PR)



DELEGATE BET

Incumbent Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan, center, files his candidacy on Thursday as he seeks re-election in November. He is flanked by his wife Andrea, left, other family members, and supporters at the Commonwealth Election Commission office in Susupe. Sablan is running for his fourth term representing the people of the Northern Mariana Islands in Congress. He was elected as the Marianas very first member of Congress in 2008 and successfully won re-election in 2010 and 2012.

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New law empowers DPS to impound vehicles

Gov. Eloy S. Inos signed into law a bill authorizing the Department of Public Safety to impound vehicles driven or op-

erated by motorists who violate certain criminal or traffic laws with an arrest already effectuated.

Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero's (Cov-Saipan) House Bill 18-92, Senate Draft 1 is now Public Law 18-60.

The new law, signed on Friday, also authorizes DPS to promulgate rules and procedures for the setting of charges for

towing and impoundment fees as well as to collect fees.

These fees could be used to maintain impoundment facilities and acquire emergency response police vehicles.

Leon Guerrero said DPS is

in the process of acquiring a warehouse facility from the Department of Public Lands to ensure these vehicles are safely kept and the facility is properly managed. **(Haidee V. Eugenio)**

UNITED

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8:11pm. The flight left for Rota at 8:46pm, and was scheduled to arrive there at 9:11pm, and then depart at 9:46pm, arriving in Guam at 10:20.

Flight UA2114 is scheduled to depart from Guam this morning at 7am, and arrive on Saipan at 7:41am. The flight will head back to Guam at 9:46pm and arrive at 10:20pm.

Later tonight, Flight UA211 will leave Guam at 7:30pm and

arrive at the Saipan International Airport at 8:11pm. The flight will then depart for Rota at 8:56pm, arriving on the island at 9:21pm. It will then leave the Rota International Airport at 10:06pm, arriving at the Guam International Airport at 10:40pm.

Tomorrow, Aug. 6, Flight UA2112 will depart from Guam at 7:30pm and arrive on Saipan at 8:11pm. The flight will then depart from Saipan International Airport at 8:56pm and arrive in Guam at 9:37pm.

One customer interviewed by *Saipan Tribune* said he re-

ceived an email notice of his flight's cancellation from Guam to Saipan on Sunday, a day before he was to be reunited with his brother on Saipan, who was visiting after six years away in the mainland.

The Cape Air flight cancellations recall a similar string of cancelled flights last week and the previous weekend, as all flights were cancelled up to July 31.

In an interview last week, Velma Reyes said the airlines were "cancelling [flights] like crazy." She cited fellow employees and friends who were affected by

the cancellations and were only given a short notice about their cancelled flights.

She noted that when she first asked for compensation for her cancelled flight, a United official answering from Houston said there would be none.

According to Reyes, the official told her: "There's nothing we can do about it."

She noted the customer service's "rudeness" on the phone and her two-day delay from returning to Saipan as reasons why she is "not a happy customer" of United.

BORDALLO

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requesting for Bordallo to introduce legislation to remove the prohibition on GovGuam from entering into a voluntary agreement with the Social Security Administration.

"This bill allows for the governments of Guam and American Samoa to enter into voluntary agreements for Social Security and Medicare coverage for their local government employees," said Bordallo.

"This bill provides parity to Guam and American Samoa with each of the 50 states and other territories, and would enable covered GovGuam employees to receive Social Security benefits similar to what is provided to private sector employees who contribute to Social Security. While it will be up to local policymakers to define the terms of this agreement and which employees will be covered, I believe it is important to also extend this authority to Guam." **(PR)**

INITIATIVES

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the future, lawmakers would go the extra mile to limit spending or to not spend everything the government has. It does not have to be a budget cap, but set aside something for the rainy days and to retire outstanding obligations such as land compensation, retroactive pay, medical referrals," Manglona, author of Senate Legislative Initiative 18-3, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Only three questions will be placed on the ballot, Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A.

Guerrero said.

These include two legislative initiatives out of 17 introduced in the 18th Legislature, and one asking voters whether there should be a constitutional convention to propose constitutional amendments. The latter is in the form of a House bill that both chambers passed but didn't go to the governor for signature, Guerrero said.

One of the two initiatives asks voters whether they agree to amend the NMI Constitution to allow any U.S. citizen with "at least some degree" of Chamorro or Carolinian blood to be considered a person of Northern Marianas descent who can own land in the CNMI.

The other asks voters whether they want a constitutional amendment to ensure that the Public School System will receive 25 percent of the government's annual appropriation, up from the current 15 percent funding.

Funding

Yesterday, Election Commission's Guerrero met with Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) to request at least \$60,000 in additional fiscal year 2015 funding for the commission to help address costs of the Nov. 6 elections.

Guerrero is hoping that the Senate will add \$60,000 more to the House's proposal of \$109,000.

That same amount is added to the Election Commission's fiscal year 2014 budget, by way of a supplemental budget.

"We're asking that it be rolled over into the fiscal year 2015 too because the election is during fiscal year 2015," Guerrero said in an interview on Capital Hill.

Each election costs \$80,000 to \$90,000. The CNMI is headed for three elections in November: the general election on Nov. 6 and a special election for a third Saipan senatorial seat also on the same day. A gubernatorial runoff election is also expected.

More filings

The Election Commission continued to see filings of candida-

cies yesterday, two days before the Aug. 6 deadline.

Among yesterday's filers were House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) and Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), both seeking re-election representing Precinct 1.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) was among those who accompanied the two during their candidacy filing yesterday afternoon. The delegate also showed up at the filing of Rep. Edmund Villagomez's (Cov-Saipan) re-election bid.

On Tuesday next week, the Election Commission will hold the drawing of candidates' numbers. For example, the four gubernatorial candidates or their repre-

sentatives will get to randomly pick numbers that will correspond to the order of their names' appearance on the ballot.

A day later, on Aug. 13, the Election Commission board is expected to certify the filing of candidacies.

Failed initiatives

The 18th House of Representatives introduced 14 initiatives, and only two will make it to the ballot. The 18th Senate introduced three, none of which will reach voters.

House floor leader Ralph Demapan's (Cov-Saipan) HLI 18-2 seeks to abolish the Saipan, Tinian and Rota municipal councils and establish a chartered municipal form of government for Saipan. Lawmakers didn't pass it to give voters a chance to decide on it.

Rep. Christopher Leon Guerrero's (Cov-Saipan) HLI 18-8, which seeks a unicameral rather than a bicameral Legislature, won't be presented to voters.

"We ran out of time to hold more public hearings on the unicameral legislature initiative. During the public hearings we already held, people were split on the issue," Leon Guerrero said.

With its estimated population of some 53,000, the CNMI has a bicameral Legislature: a nine-member Senate and a 20-member House of Representatives.

Guam, in contrast, has an estimated population of 160,000 but only has a 15-member Senate.

Although talked about, an initiative to present a question to Saipan voters whether they want a casino on Saipan wasn't even crafted during the 18th Legislature. Lawmakers passed a bill instead, legalizing casino gaming on Saipan.



HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), right, and House Speaker Joseph Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), second from left, file their candidacies yesterday, accompanied by their supporters Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), second from right, and former speaker Diego Benavente. Also in photo are Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero and Rep. Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan).

BIRNBRICH

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Government Investigations for review and recommendation.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said if the Senate confirm Birnbrich's nomination, "he will become the CNMI's last appointed attorney general" as

voters will elect an AG for the first time in the November general elections.

Birnbrich has been with the Office of the Attorney General for the last few years and previously served as chief of the Civil Division before then-AG Joey Patrick San Nicolas tapped him as deputy AG. Birnbrich has been serving as

acting AG since San Nicolas' resignation in early July. San Nicolas is seeking election as Tinian mayor.

The governor, in his one-page letter to the Senate yesterday, said he's confident that Birnbrich is qualified to fulfill the vital responsibilities of the office and to provide the necessary leadership in preparation for an

elected AG to assume office.

"I am confident that you will perform the duties of the attorney general commendably and ensure that the objectives and mission of the OAG are fully realized during this period and in preparation for an elected attorney general," the governor said in his letter to Birnbrich.

Birnbrich, for his part, thanks

the governor, as well as those who he has worked with, for their trust in him as he prepares to undertake this responsibility.

There are two individuals vying for the elected AG post: retired Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan and attorney Michael Evangelista.

The November AG election comes two years after voters

ratified in 2012 House Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz's (Ind-Saipan) legislative initiative making the AG position an elected rather than an appointed one. The vote came amid an investigation on former AG Edward Taylor Buckingham III, who was eventually found guilty of seven of eight public corruption charges.

NMHC suit vs Rep. Ogumoro languishing for 14 years now

Lack of funds deters CUC SO2 projects

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A lawsuit filed by the Northern Marianas Housing Corp. against Rep. Felicidad T. Ogumoro (Rep-Saipan) over alleged non-payment of lease totaling \$8,007 has been languishing in Superior Court for 14 years now.

According to court documents, the Superior Court already issued at least four orders to show cause, directing Ogumoro and co-defendant Guadalupe P. Manglona to appear in court and explain why they should not be held in contempt for willfully disobeying court orders.

The show-cause orders were either postponed or withdrawn upon NMHC's or Ogumoro's requests.

Ogumoro again failed to appear at a show-cause hearing yesterday afternoon.

NMHC counsel Michael White, however, told the court that the lawmaker has already made a "substantial payment" on the outstanding amount.

Upon White's request, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio reset the hearing to Oct. 27, 2014, at 1:30pm.

In White's declaration in sup-

port for an order to show cause issued on June 25, 2014, Ogumoro and co-defendant Manglona were ordered to pay \$50 per month starting April 1, 2001, and that their payments have totaled \$4,225.

White said the last payment received was Jan. 24, 2014, leaving an arrear of \$3,725 as of June 11, 2014.

"Defendants have knowledge of the order in that they were present in court when the said order was verbally given," the lawyer stated.

NMHC's lawsuit, filed in 2000, sued Ogumoro, who owns Catholic Daughters of America that operates or operated the Little Angels Child Care Center.

In 1997, the parties entered into a lease agreement. Under the agreement, NMHC leased to Ogumoro certain premises; that lease expired in June 1998. Ogumoro continued to occupy the premises through September 1998 on the same terms and conditions of the 1997 lease.

In October 1998, the parties entered into a new lease to the same premises on a month-to-month basis.

NMHC alleged that Ogumoro failed to pay rental and other charges provided in the leases.

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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The Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s continued lack of funds deters the agency from moving forward with upgrading its pipelines, installing new tanks, and others projects mandated by court orders.

On top of this, CUC said that the unavailability of specialized contractors, materials, and equipment in the region "continue to be a cause for concern."

For the last four years, CUC has received grant funding from the Department of the Interior's Office of Insular Affairs to help it resolve these projects, totaling some \$10.7 million. Majority of these funds were use to complete numerous projects under stipulated order 2.

"CUC's financial situation is dire. With outstanding payments from large consumers and with debt servicing difficult, choices for the corporation remain limited," CUC said.

According to CUC's SO2 submission to the court, about \$2.23 million is needed in fiscal years 2014 to 2015 for its priority projects but the only available funds left is \$117,000.

CUC's SO2 projects include replacing a fuel tank in Lower Base, power plant waste handling, facility drainages at Saipan's power plants 1 and 2 and Rota's power plant, improvement on fuel trucking, Power Plant 4, and SO2's project coordination and administrative costs.

protests and inability to complete the procurement and contract award for the Tank 102 replacement project.

Additional requirements for a geotechnical probing (foundation design verification) and redesign have also resulted in further delays.

"Despite CUC's consultant's continuous guidance in support of the contractor's activities, the tank erection contractor has been unable to produce proper fitting and welding activities in completion of the tank," CUC said.

This led to the termination of the contractor for default and an alternate contractor procurement is underway.

For the pipeline construction, an alternate routing of about 1,000 feet due to the potential contamination was only recently finalized.

According to CUC, a design and project management firm was awarded the contract after being approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"This process involved additional effort by CUC who had to go through a detailed procurement, contractual negotiation with the construction contractor," CUC said.

About \$3.5 million is needed to complete the pipeline project.

"External financing and loans require decisions and guarantees required from outside CUC. Increasing diesel fuel costs and support to the water division from the power division also adds to the overall constraints," CUC said.

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Songbird Aviation, LLC

The public is invited to attend and provide comments at a Zoning Board public hearing on this request for Conditional Use Permit. Songbird Aviation, LLC is proposing to operate light aircrafts known as "weight shift control light sport aircraft" or "trikes" on public land lot# 053 A 77 in Marpi. This use is classified as Amusement, Outdoor and is permitted in this district as Conditional Use. This area is located southeast of Banzai Cliff between the veterans cemetery and the former Cowtown, and is zoned as Rural.

Date: August 21st, 2014, Thursday
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Board Conference Room, 2nd flr, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan

The above application may be viewed at the Zoning Office, 2nd Floor, Joeten Dandan Building, Saipan. Comments on the project may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments shall be submitted in writing to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, Dandan, Saipan no later than 4:30pm, August 20th, 2014. Written comments may also be submitted via email to therese.ogumoro@zoning.gov.mp , via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & Saipan Zoning Law of 2013).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Saipan Adventure Tours, LLC

Saipan Adventure Tours, LLC is proposing to operate a zip-line amusement activity designed to enable users propelled by gravity to travel from the top to bottom of inclined cables. This use is classified as Amusement, Outdoor and will be located on lots 055 A 03, 064 A 01, part of TR 4-2, and part of TR 1-4 in Marpi. These areas are zoned as Rural, Public Resource, and Tourist Resort.

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/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Board Chairman

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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

for

Matsumoto Trust (Matsumoto Fish Farm)


Matsumoto Trust (Matsumoto Fish Farm) is proposing to operate an aquaculture farm on TR #21043-R1. This use is classified as "Aquaculture, Commercial" and is permitted in this district as a Conditional Use. This area is located on I-Denni, Capitol Hill and can be accessed from Isa Drive and Cator Pl. It is zoned as Rural.

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Guam man found guilty of murder in rampage

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HAGATNA, Guam (AP)—A jury convicted a Guam man Monday of murdering three Japanese tourists in a crash and stabbing rampage last year that hurt 11 others.

The panel of 10 women and two men rejected the mental illness defense of 22-year-old Chad Ryan DeSoto. His lawyers argued he spiraled out of control into psychosis after his grandfather died and his girlfriend moved to Utah.

The jury agreed with prosecutors who say DeSoto knew what he was doing during the attack in a busy tourist spot on Feb. 12, 2013. DeSoto was accused of barreling his car down a busy sidewalk, crashing it into

a convenience store and getting out and stabbing people who were nearby.

DeSoto was also convicted of attempted murder. He faces life in prison without the possibility of parole when he is sentenced Sept. 25.

"Justice has been done for the families of the victims," Chief Prosecutor Phillip Tydingco said. "I want to thank all the jurors for doing their duty and for the hard work. I know it was long and grueling for them."

DeSoto, dressed in a white Oxford shirt with a gray sweat-er-vest and gray slacks, showed no emotion as the verdict was read. Each individual juror verified his or her decision in a hearing that lasted 10 minutes.

"I am just thankful the jurors hung in there and made

it through deliberation," said DeSoto's lawyer, public defender Jocelyn Roden. "I still have my faith in the justice system."

Guam's attorney general planned a news conference for later Monday.

The rampage rocked the small island U.S. territory and raised questions of tourist safety in Japan and elsewhere. Guam's economy depends heavily on tourism.

The tourists killed were 81-year-old Kazuko Uehara and 29-year-old Rie Sugiyama, who were stabbed to death; and Hitoshi Yokota, 51, who was hit by a car and died in a hospital two days later. Another 11 people were injured, including two children.

Prosecutors argued DeSoto planned the attack, targeting victims who resembled or sym-

bolized his girlfriend, who had recently dumped him.

The jury received voluminous instructions before starting deliberations July 18, with jury instructions that took nearly five

hours for Judge Anita Sukola to read and more than 100 pages of verdict sheets. The instructions included information on convicting DeSoto of lesser offenses.

Sukola said that during the

Sept. 25 sentencing, she will set a future hearing for accusations that DeSoto, his girlfriend and one of his relatives violated a court order by communicating during the trial.

Club 200 to be held this October

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The American Red Cross-NMI Chapter's annual signature fundraiser, Club 200, will be hosted this year at the Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan on Oct. 4.

According to Kennedy Benjamin, ARC's service delivery manager for health and safety programs, tickets will be sold at \$200 for a couple.

For the past years, tickets were priced at \$100 per person but Benjamin said that they

are going back to the old practice of selling them for \$200 for two persons.

This year's Club 200 theme is "Lua Party" and will be its 26th anniversary, according to Benjamin.

"We are still on the planning stages so we haven't confirmed about our prize structure but we will be having prizes again this year as well as a grand prize," he said.

Last year's grand prize was \$15,000 cash. Other top prizes included two round-trip tick-

ets to the United States, shopping spree certificates, \$3,500 in cash, another round-trip ticket for within Asia, and many more.

Benjamin said the proceeds of the fundraiser will continue to help ARC's mission in helping the CNMI and other nations during times of disasters. Proceeds will also help the daily operations of the office and training programs.

For more information, visit the Red Cross office on Airport Road or call 234-3459.



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In this file photo, Chad DeSoto, right, talks with his counsel at the Superior Court of Guam in Hagatna, Guam, on Monday, June 16, 2014.

Landowner questions issuance of zoning permit

» Zoning counsel says validity of leases not their jurisdiction

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Private landowners of a residence in Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Avenue are questioning the legality of the Saipan Zoning board's issuance of a conditional use permit to Big Boyz Marine Sports last month.

In an email to *Saipan Tribune*, Jeaniffer Hiponia Cubangbang, representing her family, said the Zoning board issued an illegal permit to Big Boyz since there is no proof that the company is leasing the property.

Big Boyz is currently renting the property on Chalan Monsignor Guerrero Avenue as a commercial garage. Owner Masanari Yasuda had proposed it to be changed into a repair shop and was issued the permit by the Zoning board.

According to Zoning's legal counsel Kate Fuller, the Zoning office and Zoning board do not determine the validity on leases. "We ask for evidence on the land use right, and once we get

it, we don't inquire into that or try to judge that or dispute between a landlord and the one leasing," Fuller said.

According to Cubangbang's statement, the Zoning board did not issue a proper notice to the Hiponia family through email, phone, or mail.

At the time of the public hearing on July 10, Marizel Hiponia, Cubangbang's sister, attended the public hearing and notified the Zoning board about the lease agreements with Big Boyz and her family.

Hiponia said she was representing for her family because they were off-island.

Cubangbang said that Zoning administrator Therese Ogomoro signed the permit on July 15 and was picked up by Big Boyz owner Masanori Yasuda the following day.

Fuller said she couldn't comment on the validity of the lease and that she had heard from the Hiponias that Big Boyz doesn't have a valid lease.

"We ask everybody if they

have a valid interest in land and ask for evidence and once they have given it to us we don't negotiate on the lease agreements. We're not the court and we just make determinations on zoning laws, not people's legal rights. The permit has been issued and it's a final permit and final decision so it will have to be appealed to the Superior Court in order to overturn the permit," Fuller told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Cubangbang, the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality has not issued a valid permit to Big Boyz and that they are already conducting and operating the business.

She said that Big Boyz is bypassing the legal processes and using political connections. Big Boyz was given the conditional use permit with 10 conditional requirements that are to be met and one is to secure a permit from BECQ.

Cubangbang said the auto shop poses a threat to her family and their health.

St. Jude Renal Care Facility, Inc. Job Vacancy Announcement

(04) REGISTERED NURSE

- Must pass NCLEX-RN and Current CNMI RN License
- Attended a hemodialysis training program
- Must hold a degree in Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- One to five years hemodialysis experience or related field
- English Language skills-Proficient in verbal, written and comprehension
- Certification in Basic Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation
- Certified Nephrology Nurse (CNN) – Preferred
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- Be able to demonstrate proper plumbing techniques for working with the pressure vessels
- Be able to demonstrate proper plumbing techniques especially when working with pvc
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- Check entire area for spills, water, etc., periodically, especially in patients' areas and lobby
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- Must be able to work flexible hours
- Must have own transportation

Interested applicants must submit application or resume to St. Jude Renal Care Facility Inc., at Chalan Kiya, Saipan. Deadline to submit application will be on 8/11/2014 at 4:00pm. For more information, please call Judy Arriola at (670) 234-2903 ext. 124.

Australia gives additional funding for Pacific fisheries

NOUMEA, New Caledonia—Acknowledging that fisheries are of fundamental importance to the Pacific Islands region, Dr. Colin Tukuitonga of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community welcomed Friday Australia's announcement of an AU\$9.6 million funding package for fisheries at the 45th Pacific Islands Forum in Palau. The funding, which will cover a four-year period, particularly targets coastal fisheries development.

Tukuitonga, SPC's Director-General, said, "This new program funding approach will greatly enhance SPC's ability to provide science-based technical support and information to Pacific Island countries for the sustainable management and conservation of their oceanic and coastal fisheries resources."

Countries too have welcomed the funding, expressing their appreciation to the Australian government for the additional support, which is seen as a demonstration of confidence in the value of SPC's service delivery in coastal fisheries.

To a large extent, fisheries underpin economic activity and food security in Pacific Island countries and territories. For



Albacore tuna landing in Noumea, New Caledonia.

ANNE LEFEUVRE/SPC

highly migratory oceanic fisheries resources like tuna, fisheries management in one country's waters has regional impacts. With coastal fisheries, the results of good management, or lack of it, have long-term impacts at the national level. Therefore, development of national, subregional and regional frameworks and arrangements for the governance and management of fisheries resources is essential to ensure they remain sustainable.

SPC plays a key role in sci-

entific assessments of the status of both regional tuna stocks and the coastal fisheries of individual countries. This work, done by SPC's Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division, provides a basis for management decisions to achieve the highest level of economic and social benefits, compatible with sustainable use of fisheries resources.

Over time, SPC has contributed to improving knowledge of fish and marine invertebrate stocks and to supporting de-

velopment of local enterprises involved in sustainable fishery-related activities such as fishing fleets, processing industries and individual or village initiatives. It is also working closely with member countries to integrate software tools into more comprehensive national fisheries information management systems, enabling countries to link various types of data to better inform management and combat illegal, unregulated or unreported fishing in their exclusive economic zones. **(SPC)**



Marine algae culture in Tabiteuea, Kiribati.

ANTOINE TEITELBAUM/SPC

High surf expected until Thursday

Based on the information received from the National Weather Service in Tiyan, Guam, and compiled at the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management, light to gentle winds will gradually veer from northwest through northeast to southeast through Friday. Combined seas of 6 to 8 feet are expected through Thursday, then will gradually decrease. The

monsoon trough will produce scattered showers north of Rota before slipping farther to the north. Isolated thunderstorms are possible.

The high surf advisory is now in effect until 3pm Thursday.

Hazardous surf of 9 to 12 feet will persist along west facing reefs through at least Wednesday. Surf will gradually diminish starting Wednesday night

and may fall below hazardous levels as early as Thursday afternoon.

Inexperienced mariners, especially those operating smaller vessels, should avoid boating in these conditions. If travel by boat is necessary, avoid venturing near exposed reefs and beaches, especially those along west facing reefs as rip currents are life threatening. **(PR)**

Water from Fena Reservoir will be discolored, still safe for drinking

SANTA RITA, Guam—Residents are advised that the water distributed from Fena Reservoir is expected to be discolored starting at 3pm yesterday due to a rise in turbidity.

The turbidity is caused by the large amounts of runoff that has been pouring into the reservoir from the recent storm.

The water has been tested, is safe to consume, and compliant with Safe Drinking Water standards. The water does not need to be boiled.

High levels of iron and manganese in water originating from the Fena Reservoir have caused the brownish tint in the drinking water supplied to Navy customers. The water is safe to drink.

Iron and manganese are naturally occurring elements that only affect the aesthetic quality of the water. The Navy has initiated treatment procedures to remove these naturally occurring elements and to return the water to its normal appearance. The timeline as to when the water is ex-

pected to clear up is indefinite as it is dependent on several factors, including weather conditions.

All customers who receive water from the Navy will be affected including homes, offices and businesses located on Naval Base Guam installations. The Navy also provides water to Guam Waterworks Authority, who in turn provides water to its customers.

The Navy will continue to monitor and treat the water in order to minimize the discoloration. **(PR)**

NMC to highlight new programs at Aug. 6 info session

The Northern Marianas College will be highlighting its new bachelor's degree in business management, its credit for prior learning program, and other new initiatives at Wednesday's info session. All community members are invited to attend.

The free information session will be held this Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014, in Room D1 at the college's As Terlaje campus, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm.

Other topics such as admissions, financial aid, and class registration will also be discussed. Further, faculty, staff, and students from the different

degree and certificate programs at NMC, as well as Student Services representatives from counseling, financial aid, and admissions will be on hand to answer questions.

The college will also be accepting admissions application for the fall 2014 semester at the info session. The deadline for submitting applications was originally on July 31, 2014, but the college is making an exception for those who attend and submit their application at the info session.

Those who attend will also have their admission and place-

ment test fees waived. This represents a savings of up to \$75.

This free information session is open to everyone, including graduating seniors and their parents, government and private sector employees, international students, and members of the general public who are interested in learning more about the programs at NMC.

For more information about the information session and/or applying to NMC, contact the Office of Admissions and Records at 237-6770, email oar@marianas.edu or visit www.marianas.edu. **(NMC)**

US and FSM sign maritime boundary agreement

KOROR, Palau—The United States and the Federated States of Micronesia signed yesterday a boundary treaty delimiting the waters between their two countries. The boundary treaty was signed on behalf of the United States by Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Dennise Mathieu and, for the FSM, by Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert. The treaty was signed in Koror, Palau, at the Pacific Islands Forum meeting.

During the signing ceremony, Mathieu said, "Maritime

boundaries promote good order at sea, and peaceful relations between countries. But a boundary is also symbolic, and this boundary treaty reflects the important bonds of friendship between our two countries and the close relations between the people of the United States of America and the people of the Federated States of Micronesia."

Mathieu added, "Working with FSM on this important endeavor was truly a pleasure for the U.S. team. The U.S.



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Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Dennise Mathieu, left, and Federated States of Micronesia Secretary of Foreign Affairs Lorin Robert sign yesterday a boundary treaty delimiting the waters between their two countries. The treaty was signed in Koror, Palau, at the Pacific Islands Forum meeting.

would like to extend its appreciation to the Federated States of Micronesia for the spirit of collaboration that guided the negotiation teams to this successful conclusion."

Secretary of Foreign Affairs Robert remarked that the signing was "very important and timely given the theme of this year's forum—Ocean: life and future. With a well-defined boundary between the U.S. Territory of Guam and the FSM now in place, today's occasion only confirms and

strengthens the obvious. The obvious being the Micronesian tradition that we are peoples of the seas; we take pride in the stewardship and benefit from the bounties of the ocean."

The treaty is a significant accomplishment for both countries and reflects the collaborative spirit and friendly relations between the United States and the Federated States of Micronesia.

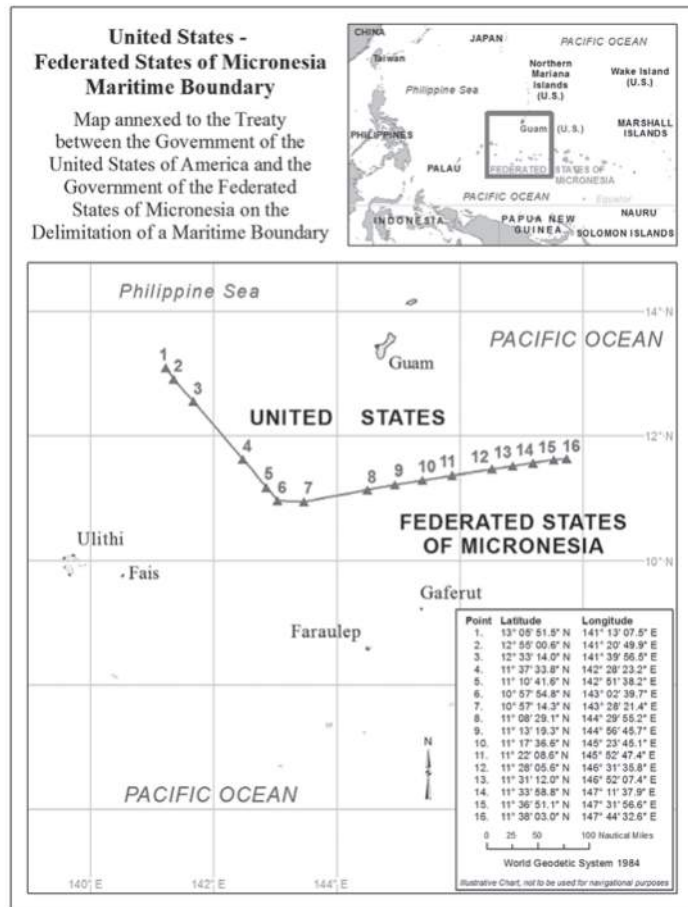
The treaty concludes a boundary that will divide the maritime space between the

U.S. territory of Guam and the Caroline Islands of the Federated States of Micronesia. The treaty, with appropriate technical adjustments, formalizes a boundary that had been informally adhered to by the two countries previously on the basis of the principle of equidistance, such that the line is equal in distance from each country. The boundary is 828 kilometers (447 nautical miles) in length.

This is the second boundary

that the United States has signed since last year and demonstrates the United States' growing effort to address unsettled maritime boundaries with its neighbors. The United States and Kiribati signed a maritime boundary treaty in 2013 at the Pacific Island Forum meeting in Majuro.

The treaty will enter into force upon ratification by both countries. For the United States, ratification is subject to the advice and consent of the United States Senate. (*U.S. Embassy*)



NMPASI raises \$1,078.21 from 'Fun-Raiser'



Bride Capital office manager Allen Perez, right, hands a donation of \$250 to Cleo Nening, NMPASI administrative specialist. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Local businesses and community members donated to NMPASI in support of its first annual "fun-raiser" held last July 26, 2014, in celebration of the 24th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

"The ADA is a wide-ranging civil rights law that prohibits, under certain circumstances, discrimination based on disability. It affords similar protections against discrimination to Americans with disabilities as the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which made discrimination based on race, religion, sex, national origin, and other characteristics illegal. Disability is defined by the ADA as '...a

physical or mental impairment that substantially limits a major life activity.' The determination of whether any particular condition is considered a disability is made on a case by case basis. Certain specific conditions are excluded as disabilities, such as current substance abuse and visual impairment that is correctable by prescription lenses." (Wikipedia)

"On Sept. 25, 2008, President George W. Bush signed the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 into law. This was intended to give broader protections for disabled workers and 'turn back the clock' on court rulings that Congress deemed too restric-

tive. The ADAAA includes a list of 'major life activities.'" (Wikipedia).

Major donors to NMPASI's 'Fun-Raiser'/ADA 24th anniversary celebration event are as follows: Godfather's Bar (\$446 cash donation); Bridge Capital (\$250 cash donation); Steve Brownstein (\$100 cash donation); and Calvo's Select Care Insurance (\$100 cash donation). Other in-kind supporters include The Shack, PHI Pharmacy, Ace Hardware, Sweet Escapes, Shane Lee, IT&E, Greg Elliot Artwork, and National Office Supply. Other funds were raised via T-shirt sales and tournament entry fees. (*NMPASI*)



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Marcia Calvo of Calvo's Select Care Insurance hands NMPASI executive director Jim Rayphand a donation of \$100, with NMPASI legal counsel Matt Holley and program manager Jimmy Sablan looking on.

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A lot is riding on finding culprit in honeybee deaths

For more than a decade, scientists have been trying to solve the mystery of honeybees disappearing by the millions.

There are many suspects, but one has become the focus of scientists and regulators worldwide. Over the past two months, several scientific studies have pointed to a family of pesticides—an insecticide widely used in agriculture but also found in backyard products.

While there is debate over the culprits, the threat to a critical component of our food supply should be removed.

The neurotoxic insecticide, chemically similar to nicotine, impairs honeybees' ability to forage for pollen and lessens their ability to rebuild their colonies over winter. One scientific study pointed to more disturbing widespread ecological problems.

A four-year analysis by 29 scientists reviewing more than 800 peer-reviewed reports concluded for the first time that insecticides called neonicotinoids, or neonics for short, are "causing significant damage" to beneficial insects and are a "key factor in the decline of bees."

Just as startling, the insecticide was linked to drops in bird and reptile populations, according to the Worldwide Integrated Assessment. Not only does the pesticide kill insects, it changes the tunneling behavior of earthworms, and creates health problems for snails and aquatic life—all part of the diet of birds and reptiles.

"We are witnessing a threat to the productivity of our natural and farmed environment equivalent to that posed by organophosphates or DDT," Jean-Marc Bonmatin of the National Center for Scientific Research in France and one of the lead authors of the assessment, said in a news release. "Far from protecting food production, the use of neonics is threatening the very infrastructure which enables it."

In 2006, when the loss of honeybees in the United States was reported between 30 percent and 90 percent, the phenomenon picked up the name "colony collapse disorder."

Various reasons have been given, including parasitic mites, pesticides, malnutrition and loss of natural foraging habitat, or a combination of those and other factors. But the threat posed by neonics was not among the top reasons beekeepers themselves reported for loss of their colonies last year, said Eric Mussen, an apiculturist of the University of California, Davis. Parasitic mites and starvation were cited as the top two causes.

"Colony collapse disorder is a consequence of overwhelming stresses," Mussen said in an interview. "Among other stresses, the bees are living in a pool of pollution. It's a combination of everything beekeepers are putting in their hives and we are putting into the environment."

While honeybee populations have slightly rebounded, their disappearance remains a mystery that confounds scientists and should worry the rest of us. About one-third of the food we eat—apples, melons, broccoli, squash and many other fruits, vegetables and nuts—grows with the help of bees.

California farmers depend on bees pollinating 870,000 acres of almond trees in February and March for a \$3 billion harvest. After pollinating plum and cherry trees, then citrus blooms in April, honeybees are trucked throughout the United States where they provide an essential service that produces \$30 bil-

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Joko Widodo Indo in Asia

The word "Indic" derives from the word "Indo," which refers to the non-Dravidian settlers of India by the Indus River, appropriately named "Indo-Aryan." The Dutch thought Java and Sumatra were "Indo in Asia," actually more Tamil/Malayalam of South India and Sri Lanka than those identified with the Indus Valley civilization.

Indonesia declared Joko Widodo as its new president, one whose name can easily capture an audience at Comedy Central but exemplifies a change in the political coloration of the most populous and predominantly Muslim nation in the world.

My familiarity with Indonesia is very limited. Southeast Asian students after WWII were schooled in the meta-brain of Europe, so I could describe how waltzing in Vienna is conducted with the requisite music, move and stance, but would not know how to orchestrate nor even describe a shadow puppet show in Sulawesi, Sumatra, Kalimantan, Java, Halmahera and the numerous *Kepulauan* of Indonesia!

Joko is a "commoner" who was not the candidate of the powers-that-be. His closest opponent, a former military general named Sobianto, is a son-in-law of the late President Suharto. Heretofore, membership in the power circle followed the hereditary path of hierarchy. Sobianto represented the majority coalition while Joko hailed from the minority. In a recent article about the CNMI Legislature, it was revealed that nine families are a constant in the legislative body since its inception.

The same is said of Malaysia and Indonesia. Indonesia is the third largest market for Lamborghini and their "bag" ladies are socialites in clubs with fashionable and expensive Gucci who raise funds for poor children on the side. In the Philippines, a majority of the members of the 1935 Commonwealth legislature have kin and/or progenitors occupying seats at the current *Batasan*.

The same is no less true in China, though we saw a break in that tradition when the powerful scion of one of the eight legendary generals of the People's Revolution, married to an equally pedigreed wife, fell from grace. The woman was charged with the murder of a British businessman, and the man, for obstruction of justice and abuse of power. Retired former head of national security is currently under criminal indictment.

The RC Bishopric See succession handed down through hereditary lines was cut short by the celibacy doctrine. No longer were bishops allowed to relinquish their titles as princes of the Church to their offspring. To be sure, the primacy of the seat of Peter in Rome played a role in the decision but celibacy was a bureaucratic measure before it became a sexual norm.

Today's politics is subservient to commercial ethos where financial numbers determine value. Real estate China provides the option of constructing a dwelling fully equipped. But to appear low

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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in price, residents are sold a unit that is barely the skeleton of a dwelling place, still needing to connect the electrical and plumbing systems, procure ceiling and wall fixtures, lay out flooring and heating (particularly in *Dong Bei* where half of the year is virtually winter), assemble doors and windows, and provide furnishings and appliances.

The overriding consideration is not whether workers are fairly compensated for their labor, nor of the quality control on materials and equipment bought given the wide spectrum of prices among vendors in the neighborhood or in the Internet. The element of time is a factor, for unlike the Saipan weather of wet and dry on essentially constant temperature spectrum, Manchuria slows down manual labor with the cold, thus efficiency and speed is of the essence. The only emotive therapy of an owner is the notion that ze managed to save money on construction!

Democratic revolutions in our time adhere to the rule of the majority, protecting minority rights. A predominantly Muslim country, Indonesia's fundamentalist members remain a minority though their agitation to apply Sharia law in the affairs of the state commands a wide audience.

Bandung and Joko Widodo have a job to do to maintain clarity on the diversity of its population, the need to have structures to vent emotions without collapsing the stage or ending in a brawl like Thailand, or worse, a civil war, and a broad discussion of varied ideological perspectives without pontificating on what is right or wrong.

But it is in the behavioral choices represented by enacting laws that executives need to paddle the communal *barangay* (boat, used as a symbol of community) with vigor, making sure the minority understands, should they not want to join, that they are welcome to ride in the boat, and would be more appreciated if they did not paddle in the opposite direction. They either navigate together, or sink together. Cost is not the main consideration. Collaboration is.

Maintenance of balance, not a parliament of the street to vent despair over the deeds of others, is a task Indo in Asia will attempt to do in the next five years, for the sake of democratic attempts around the world.

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Dos modetnu na kosas siempre u tulaika dañkulu kinalam-ten familia siha: ipad yan iphone. Mangaige todú gi dos makina deste dos saina yan famaguon niha. Mientras duru gi makina todú man-udu `nai ma`tut konbetsasion saina yan patgon.

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Halom sirenu

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malagnos gi finatton sirenu gi chagchag chatagmag. Hu li`e finatña pot `nos kuantos besis. Tat tiha hatme kontodu halom kusan sanhiyuñg.

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I chiop maliñgu dispues de muma`lag i atdau. Estaya man-mirese i tinanom kontodu hagu cha`guan. Mauleg na ayudu gi tiempon fañomnagan. Kulan hanom uttimu suspiros ni kumatga nesessidat man-kimasson siha na tinanom hatdin gima`ta yan fangualu`an.

Katman laguna

`Nai un` tiempu sessuyu` tumekin, guaha `nai man-deskansa ham yan i tropa gi kanton tasi. Gi hinanau uttimu ininan kalulot atdau kulan laña i tasi.

`In lili`e ha` ginen i inai kinalamten guiha siha. Sessu i tarakitu `sino taraketiyn umesuette guiha man-dikiki`. I talayeru sige kumahat umesuette ginen sagun tiau `sino mañahag.

Magahet na taya` parehuña fresko na kineni` guiha deste dikiki` esta medianu. Gi katkuet preparasion paire na plantada. Pa`gu `an ginacha hau suette hañgun yan tataga` ni kineni` pu-eñge pues kasse sumen lamlam sikosmu dispues de un` kalamot

ecutive agency or the United States Postal Service."

Since 1973, other legislations have come along to help right this wrong in America, including but not limited to the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) formerly the Education for All Handicapped Children's Act (EAHCA) of 1975, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

IDEA helped put over a million children with disabilities into public schools after they were previously deemed uneducable, and sent home or to places like Willowbrook. The change in the name of the law came as part of the People First Language Movement in America around 1989. People First Language pushes for more politically correct terminology when speaking about people with disabilities by placing the value of a person before a disability. The ADA came out a year after this People First Language movement and as such it was named the American's (placing a value of a person before disability) with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. Last July 26, 2014 was the 24th anniversary of the ADA!

Another person recently commented on a local paper about a current sitting government official with a disability who gets dialysis treatment three times a week: "Why don't these people [people with disabilities] take care of themselves before running for public office?" If I could respond to that person face to face, I would ask that person if he or she knows about Franklin Delano Roosevelt. President Roosevelt, as you may know, forged forward as our president at a very pivotal time in American, and world history, while living with polio. As the president of the United States, he led America into World War II, after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. He mobilized America and stepped into the war on both fronts in Europe and in the Pacific at the same time and we won! He is seen often sitting in his car or if he is standing, he usually has an assistant next to him so he can hold on to them for support as he was unable to walk well due to polio. He was such a great leader that he is also the only American President ever voted to office four times. Yes, and each time he won, he was living with polio. This proves that people with disabilities can do great things!

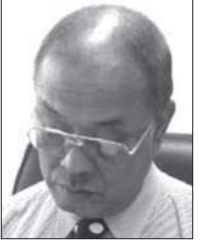
The idea I want to share is that we must find it in our hearts and minds to live above discrimination, against our fellow brothers and sisters due to their disabilities, or just because they are different. One way to do it is to treat everyone the same. You could also put yourself in their shoes to see for yourself what they may be dealing with. My best advice is to give everyone Dignity and Respect, by saying "people with disabilities" instead of "the blind people." This will give people the value and respect of a person first before a disability. We at the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc. (NMPASI) usually preach "Don't judge a book by its cover" because there is no telling what each of us is capable of until given the chance.

Thank you for your time and please do not hesitate to call on NMPASI for more information including free training for your group or staff on disability rights, the legislations mentioned above, and or Adventure Education to fortify teamwork and collaboration. You can call us at 235-7273 or 4, fax us at 235-7275, TTY at 235-7278 or visit us online at www.nmpasi.org.

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself."
—President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

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Special to the Saipan Tribune



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pattemu.

Guaha lokue` man-amku` isla `nai mapega gi fina` batde i gui-han tulanoche. Gigon gumai pau ensegidas makaddun niyog. Dib-eras ya un` litiye finadeni` dinanche ya un` tetti hinegsa` ni kaddu esta pagpagpag sekosmu umusune pot no un` madiñgu. Lau sumen nama`aggem i katman tasi gi laguna piot `an un` bisita pot para un` disimula hinassomu.

Che`chu` gualu

Deste finatton mame halom gi gualu`, in` tutuhon umutot, dumes-monta yan humale` man-lodu` tañgantañgan. Todo dia este na cho`chu` esta i lemlem tautau.

I sigiente uttimon semana, in` tutuhon kumuha iñgleran kamute. I oriya inna` mañaña para sune, mendioka yan otrú siha agu`on tat kumu nika yan dagu. Mientras tantos, in` aprubecha sinetnen ha-gas choda ni in` traidute ni latan satdinas tumates yan tininon sumen mantika na abunenman-bakalu na umañg.

Mattu gi makat na tiru lau ni unu sumeha muna` gasgas. Tres mesis dispues in` li`e mañecheffa tinanom mame. In` tife` hagas tinanom kafe ya in` tala`. In` testa yan gileg para gimen amotsan oga`an yan mirienda. Magahet na fotte na kafe na esta hana` pisa-didiya-yu` `an pueñge.

Dispues man-ñgayu ham para i feggun i gima`. Inna` fañochu i pinegsai antes de in` tilus ham para Chalan Kanoa. Ai na mañge` yayas sa` gigon chetton tatalo`mu gi katre, losus hau sin ditension. Hana` fan figu` ham i che`chu` gualu. Basta ke puru lalahe i man-amku` giya hame tat che`chu` palao`an ti in` tiñgu solu mandiskatga neni. Lau mauleg na kreansa para hame deste muna`lagu, mama-gase magagu, man-inkola, atbidon, yan prensa.

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Gigon man-espiga i mai`es gupot sa` kada unu yan tininuña. Ti-natiye este na mañufan, tala` yan eskome. Dispues, saunau man-guleg yan mamada` titiyas. Tat cho`chu` ti hafanue` ham si nanan mame. Ti in` tiñgu` che`lun palao`an sa` puru ham ha` toru.

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Hu gef agradese finapos tinanom siha gi gualu` deste inasahan choda, sakan sune, kamute, dagu, nika, mai`es, golai, yan kalamasa. Paire magahet atmayas yan atulin kalamasa. I sinen agaga` tiha ne-sessita totche sa` nahoñg ha` ni guiya namaisa.

`An tiempon lemai, tat bisinu ti inatileg fasuña piot ya finagcha`e matife` esta amaririyu na lemai ni dañkulu. Dios mihu ya matunu dispues malomug ya malechen niyog. Para hafa totche! Magpu i nobena! Paire sentadan antes.

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Megai gi hagas tradision tanu` tat kumu gumualu` appenas na tiempu. Mas dañkulu hatdin todú modun tinilaika ni mauleg ta gef atan kau benefisiosu para i tradision tanu` yan familia. Gaige este na asuntu gi patman kanai miyu.

HONEYBEE

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lion in crops each year.

The loss of such an integral factor to worldwide agriculture triggered the scientific studies and a re-evaluation of neonics by regulators.

Last year, the European Union restricted the use of neonics for two years. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is reevaluating their use. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently said it will phase out the use of neonics in federal wildlife refuges in the Pacific Northwest and Hawaii.

In California, the state Department of Pesticide Regulation began reevaluating neonics in 2009 but doesn't expect results until 2016. Seven years is a long wait. Farmers depend on honeybees to pollinate more than 100 different crops in California each season.

Scientific research may take time to determine the cause, but there is a prime suspect that could be taken out of our backyards, and our fields and orchards.

We should have learned a few lessons by now in tinkering with the environment: Too often, we have introduced a solution to one problem only to create a ripple effect of harmful consequences.

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'Disabilities are a natural part of the human experience'

By THOMAS M. THORNBURGH
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Iwrote a letter to the editor and drew a comment: "I disagree that disabilities are a natural part of the human experience." I also have recently been asked by someone in our community how a person who is diabetic and just turned blind can manage to run a federal program that supports lots of children in the CNMI? I answered by asking, "Can this person still perform the essential parts of her job?" This was received with a confused look on the person's face. If a person can do the main parts of the job they were hired to do, and sometimes with accommodations (ergonomic chair, speech to text software, etc.), then they cannot be fired based on their disability; that would be discrimination based on disability.

Here is my brief history lesson on the Disability Rights Movement in America: First and foremost, the word "handicapped" is no longer accepted as a label for people. After World War I, some of our soldiers returning from war had missing limbs, and or shell shocked, and were unable to go back to the type of work they did prior to the war, so some would sit at a corner of some USA city, with their hat in hand to beg for handouts. Congress recognized this issue and helped with the passage of the Soldier's Rehabilitation Act of 1918, which ultimately became the Rehabilitation Act. Today, our people with disabilities are not beggars nor are they in need of our pity. They just want a fair chance like everyone else to follow their dreams and see what may.

In 1965, Sen. Bobby Kennedy visited a state-run school for children with all forms of disabilities called Willowbrook, and he called it a "snake pit." Not only did the 6,000 children living in this place lose the companionship and love of their family, but their lives were shortened and the quality of it, very limited.

In 1972, Geraldo Rivera with the help of a Dr. Michael Wilkins also visited Willowbrook with a camera. His exposé of Willowbrook led to an uproar by Americans for the lack of programming for children with disabilities.

By 1973, the Disability Rights Movement gained momentum with the passage of the Rehabilitation Act with a new section 504, which clearly states that if an entity receives federal funds, it cannot discriminate against people with disabilities. It was in the midst of creating this law that the Congress made this great statement:






"Disability is a natural part of human experience and in no way diminishes the right of individuals to live independently, enjoy self-determination, make choices, contribute to society, pursue meaningful careers, and enjoy full inclusion and integration in the economic, political, social, cultural, and educational mainstream of American society."

Furthermore, *"no qualified individual with a disability in the United States shall be excluded from, denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that either receives federal financial assistance or is conducted by any ex-*

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly sunny with isolated showers. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲87° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°	▲88° ▼79°

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼78
Palau	Partly Cloudy	▲81 ▼79
Yap	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼80
Chuuk	Mostly Sunny	▲82 ▼79
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼79
Majuro	Mostly Sunny	▲82 ▼80

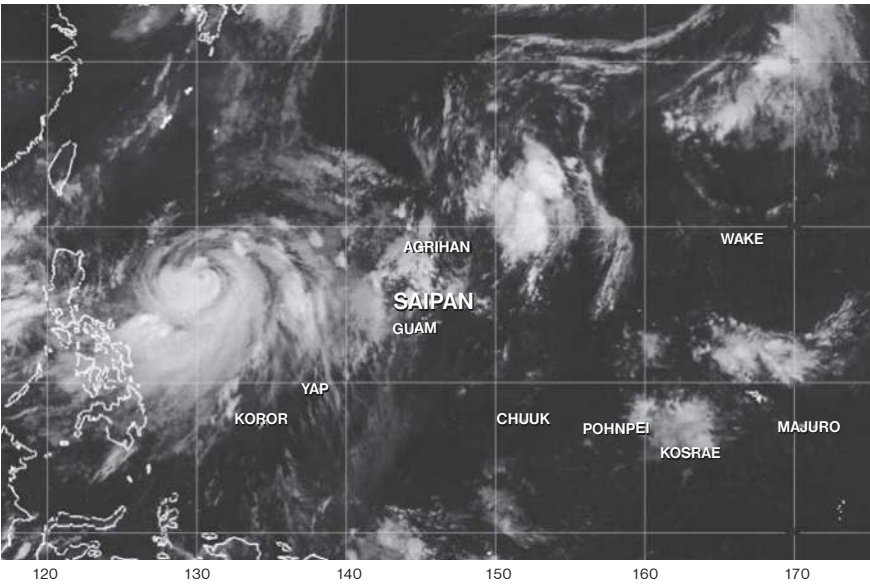
Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲58 ▼52
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲88 ▼69
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼80
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲86 ▼77
London	Showers	▲76 ▼62
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲83 ▼63
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲82 ▼77
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	▲63 ▼43
Miami	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼78
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲82 ▼70
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲89 ▼77
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲80 ▼62
Pusan	Showers	▲83 ▼75
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲87 ▼67
Salem	Sunny	▲95 ▼57
San Francisco	Mostly Cloudy	▲64 ▼58
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲87 ▼70
Tokyo	Mostly Sunny	▲93 ▼79
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲90 ▼71

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
2:13 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.8 Feet
9:39 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
4:24 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.4 Feet
9:14 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.0 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Typhoon Halong (11W) is centered well north of Koror in Palau at 17N131E and is moving northwest at 9 mph with maximum sustained winds near 130 mph. Heavy rain and a few thunderstorms are found within 250 miles of the center. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring east of Halong between 21N and 12N from 133E to 140E. For more information on Typhoon Halong, see bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW and public advisories issued by the National Weather Service under WMO header WTPQ31 PGUM. Converging low-level winds are generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms across the Northern Marianas within an area bounded by a line from 21N140E to 21N146E to 16N146E to 10N140E back to 21N140E. A tropical disturbance centered northeast of the Marianas is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 25N and 17N from 148E to 156E. A weak circulation is centered northeast of Kosrae near 8N166E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found just north of Kosrae and east of Pohnpei between 9N and 5N from 159E to 165E as well as north of the Marshall Islands between 14N and 10N from 163E to 171E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:00 AM	6:46 PM
Wednesday	6:01 AM	6:45 PM
Thursday	6:01 AM	6:45 PM
Friday	6:01 AM	6:44 PM
Saturday	6:01 AM	6:44 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	1:20 PM	12:16 AM
Wednesday	2:16 PM	1:06 AM
Thursday	3:15 PM	2:00 AM
Friday	4:14 PM	2:59 AM
Saturday	5:12 PM	4:01 AM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4	UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	11:15pm	2, 4, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 5, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:35am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
MU7076	4:15am	6:50am	2, 6	MU7075	9:00pm	3:15am+1	1, 5
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7	MU763A	7:25pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5	MU763	7:55pm	3:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM	UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
DL287/473	6:05am	9:45pm	1, 4, 5, 6 via NRT	UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM	UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM	UA184/5041	10:25pm	6:35pm+1	4, 7 via GUM-Rota
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM	UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM	UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
				UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM	D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	Aug 5, 10, 14, 19, 24, 28
D2 8009	12:50pm	4:05pm	Aug 5, 10, 14, 19, 24, 28	UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM	UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM	UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN	UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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Why international sanctions on Russia are unlikely to sway Putin

The downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 has finally spurred the United States and Europe to agree on imposing additional sanctions on Russia. But Vladimir Putin's tactics in Ukraine are likely to be far more influenced by his domestic political calculus than by international pressure. In fact, given how important winning—or at least not losing—the proxy war in Ukraine has become to the popularity and legitimacy of the Putin government, the sanctions are unlikely to have much effect in the short run. Instead, it seems probable they will lead to an even greater resolve on Putin's part to support the separatists in Ukraine.

The war in Ukraine has been good for Putin domestically. As recently as late 2013, after 14 years in power as either president or prime minister, Putin was in trouble. His popularity and the public's trust in him were at an all-time low. Most troubling for the Kremlin, at least half of Russians did not want him to be reelected president in 2018. But today, despite economic stagnation that could easily lead to recession, Putin's popularity is again sky high and he seems to be forging the foundations for a lifetime presidency (with or without "elections").

Rallied by a massive state propaganda machine that has celebrated the annexation of Crimea and cheered on the current, Russian-stoked conflict in southeast Ukraine, Russians seem to be swept up in the euphoria of "saving" their ethnic brethren from the "Nazi junta" in Kiev. At the same time, they have been instilled with a propaganda-induced paranoia about alleged "NATO plots," and believe Putin is the man most able to defend the motherland from them.

But Putin may soon learn that the propagandistic hysteria he has fanned has a downside. Russians who have embraced the idea that

their country is on the side of right in the conflict won't want to see Putin retreat, physically or rhetorically. Putin knows only too well the history of another strongman, the late Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, who rode similarly high on the nationalistic sentiments he fanned and then found that his people turned on him after NATO forced him to abandon his foray into Bosnia and Croatia on behalf of ethnic Serbs. Putin is convinced that a retreat—or worse yet, a defeat—in Ukraine is not an option.

In an attempt to thwart what looks like a successful Ukrainian ground offensive to recover sovereignty over the country's industrial heartland, Russia has, in effect, imposed a no-fly zone over south-east Ukraine. Just since mid-July, separatists have brought down at least four Ukrainian planes—three fighter jets and a military cargo plane—in addition to the Malaysia airliner. There are indications that Russia has escalated the movement of men and heavy equipment across the border.

If, despite these efforts, the separatists continue to lose ground, Putin has two options, which are not mutually exclusive. He might declare Ukraine to be in the throes of a "fratricidal civil war," using that claim to justify direct military intervention by Russia to protect "innocent civilians." In that case, Putin would probably invoke the "Libya precedent," insisting that Russia is only acting the way the West did in Libya in 2011.

This option, however, is not without risks. The Ukrainian army might well put up a fight and, if Russian casualties begin to multiply, Putin's domestic support could erode quickly. Nearly half of Russians, according to polling, do not want Russia to invade Ukraine.

Putin's other choice is, while continuing to rattle sabers, to call for an immediate cease-fire followed by "direct negotiations" between Kiev and Russia's proxies in southeast Ukraine. In such an

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event, the West would probably put pressure on Ukraine to stop its offensive and enter into the talks. Even though European and U.S. leaders have agreed to impose tougher sanctions, Western countries would like to keep Russian cash, oil and gas flowing—not to mention avert the first war between two major European nations since the end of World War II.

Needless to say, by enabling the separatists to stay in control of the territories they hold today, a Russia-engineered truce would allow Putin a victory at home as well as abroad. He would have stopped the Ukrainian offensive without committing regular troops. Moreover, if the truce and negotiations were to drag on, Ukraine's economic situation would weaken, undermining support for Ukraine's activist, pro-Western President Petro Poroshenko, whose government might then be replaced with one that was more pro-Russia. In any case, a truce could be quickly broken by the "rebels" on orders from Moscow, just as the most recent unilateral Ukrainian cease-fire was at the beginning of July.

Despite last week's sanction announcement, Russia's strategy in Ukraine will continue to be shaped by the domestic political needs of the Putin government. Which means a long and bloody stalemate.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Winnie Atalig, I couldn't have said it better, thank you

Your letter in the *Saipan Tribune* on July 24 was right on. Two casinos, \$15 million a year from each would be a much better deal but we know now Best Sunshine was a set up from the get go. Inos and the other four that went to Macau must have promised BS they would get their exclusive license before they even got back to Saipan. The sham consultants had to be in on it.

This is the news release the Lottery Commission put out: *The (lottery) commission yesterday also approved the hiring of the companies that responded to separate requests for proposals for casino resort development consultant and law enforcement review investigator. It hired California-based B2G Global Strategies to assist the commission in investigating the background of the applicant, and the Florida-based Innovation Group to review the applicant's business and development plans and strategies. B2G is an international consulting firm specializing in a wide range of services including private investigations, background screening, security consulting, policy guidance and strategic solutions for the business sector and government entities in the U.S., Latin America, Europe and Asia. The Innovation Group is the premier provider of consulting and management services for the gaming, hospitality, leisure and entertainment industries. Igisomar said they approached the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which informed them which organizations could do the specific tasks. "We did our due diligence on this. First, we had our DPS commissioner and the counsel work with the FBI and get their references and learn the best way to go about this," he said. The companies, he said, "are legitimate in the sense that they can accomplish what we are looking for. We picked the right individuals."*

This looks like the commission circumvented the usual RFP route in favor of some locally recommended company, apparently a drinking buddy of some of them and a coworker of Gomez. Nowhere can I find the original announcement, a list of responders, minutes to choose the best candidate, an actual copy of the two contracts or

the two final reports. I'm still looking and I will get it. Both Gomez from B2G and Soll from Innovation told me they used the facts and figures supplied by the two casino companies and did not actually check some very important items they should have, like the bank guarantees' authenticity. When Gomez said that BS scored higher than Tinian Dynasty in "experience in operating a casino" I just knew the fix was in. You are right also in that we have never seen a picture of what they promised to build. That is very unusual in this industry. The Fat Lady has not sung yet, folks. Keep it up Winnie.

Retirees, how about this?

Last Thursday I was riding through Kilili Park in Susupe and saw about 20 young people having a fundraiser so I stopped to see what it was about. They were from Kagman High School and were raising money for a 17-year-old classmate that needs heart surgery. Since you retirees are so greedy and demand 100 percent of the casino money and refuse to budge, how about you all, all 3,800 of you, donate \$5 a month to a fund that the governor can use for medical referrals. The government could take it out before they send your retirement checks out. That wouldn't hurt you at all, and it would raise \$19,000 a month for this much needed service. You won't miss \$5, and you will all be heroes of the CNMI. The governor could have certificates printed up to give you and you can feel good and tell each other what good people you are for helping people like this unfortunate young girl. My hats off to you young people of the CNMI, like these from Kagman High School.

Seems MVA just cant catch a break anymore

Between letters to the editor and front page news items, MVA would seem to be lacking leadership. Seem? MVA is lacking leadership just as almost every other department and agency, both public and autonomous. Leadership is not sitting behind a big desk with a giant "I'm the manager, supervisor, department head or boss" sign sitting on it for all to see, and apparently bow down to.

Being in charge not only means you know everything that your area of responsibility is accountable for, but that you are responsible for thinking of new processes, new ideas, new applications, new methods and implementing them to make your operation better and more efficient. It actually requires you to get your hands dirty once

With a U.S. spy plane smart enough to go into Swedish airspace when it noticed itself being tracked by land-based Russian radar, and given the numerous occasions U.S. intelligence had been caught lying, including faked satellite photos that was used to justify the Iraqi War (Google Washington Blog for other shenanigans), we can only say that as long as the Obama firepower stays at the level of political rhetoric, and keep the finger off the trigger (Ted Nugent who is a Michigan native can keep hunting in his Texas ranch but he can't remain NRA's poster boy for so long), we will not sweat in our seat.

So, OK, let's beef up U.S. military security in the Marianas (the area's economic source) but let's keep the 7th Fleet from crossing the Taiwan Straits again, just to show off the "kooks." They ain't kooks no more, Mr. President, and you ain't Ted Nugent!

Jaime R Vergara
Shenyang, China

in a while to show people the way you want things done, the way you want them to be done. You actually have to get out of your chair and go outside once in a while. If you are the manager of MVA, you really have to visit every nook and cranny of the CNMI, every single place a tourist might conceivably visit and determine how to make it more tourist friendly, get the people to do it and re-visit it to make sure it is the way you want it.

I'm only singling out MVA because it is the most important position in the CNMI, even more important than the governor or the Legislature because that's where the money is. Of course, if any director hasn't the training and experience then he probably hasn't a clue as to what a real manager does, so it is moot, and we will continue to see MVA spotlighted on the front of the news.

Gary DuBrall

Chalan Piao, Saipan

Depending too much on technology will make you lose your friend

Since when? When we walk on the street or when we are at a restaurant and any other public places, we can always see someone walking or sitting alone with their technology, and somewhere at the restaurant groups are having lunch together but they are all focused on their smartphones and no one talks to each other. Anyway, this group made me feel that they will separate someday.

Yes, being too dependent on your technology will make you lose your friend! You will be facing your technology for the most time and ignore what your friend say to you and you have less time to interact with them. And little by little, they will start to get away from you, and someday when you find out that your need them, they are not next to you anymore.

Earlier, I found out that there are some restaurants in urban areas that don't set up WiFi. The owner of the restaurant said that his purpose for that is to allow more communication between his customers. Normally, just as what I had mentioned earlier, group of friends eat together but what they do most are to play on their phone such as going on Facebook, photo taking and playing any other apps, which means that verbal communication between them is not much.

"We don't have WiFi. Talk to the people around you! The farthest distance in the world is that I am next to you but you are playing on the phone!" This is the slogan that the restaurant had, so the owner of the restaurant believe that if the restaurant doesn't provide WiFi, people will put down their phone and start to communicate with their friends.

As we can see above, friends are more important than technology! When you are having trouble, your friends try to help you solve it, not technology! When you are having a hard time, your friends are there leading you, not technology! When you are feeling unhappy, your friends are there to make you smile, not technology! So we can know that, "Friend is more important than technology!"

Zhijuan Huang

Lower Navy Hill, Saipan

Happy birthday, Mr. President

Aug. 4 is President Obama's birthday, and we wish him well in health and sanity in the White House.

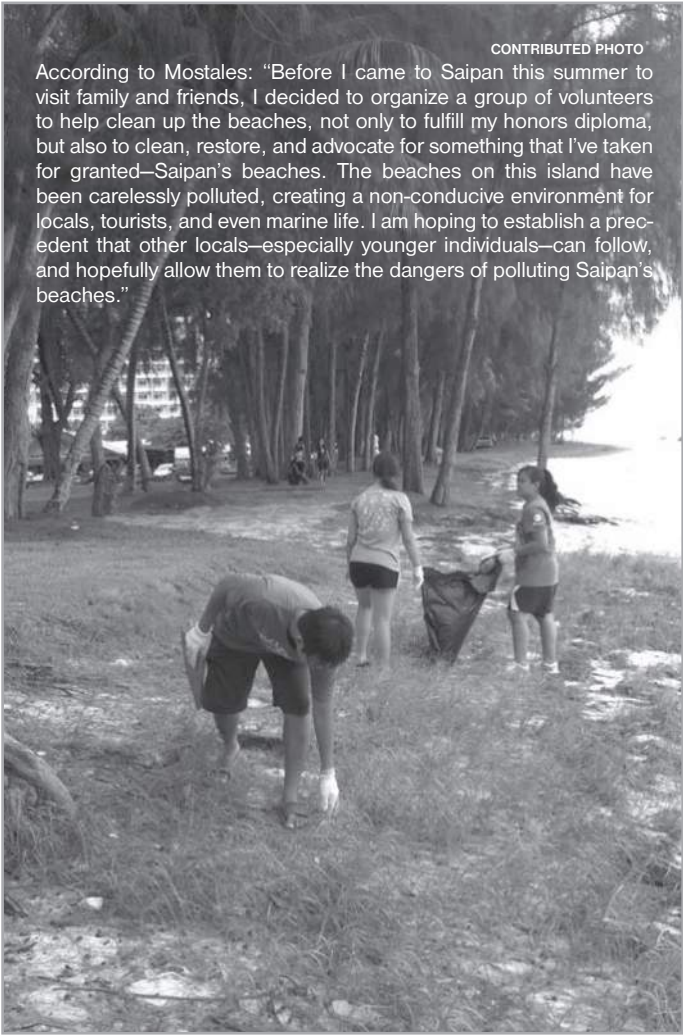
His recent interview Aug. 1 made him sound to a friend like "Ted Nugent on hand guns" in his foreign policies regarding Russia and China. He is quoted as saying that Russia does not produce anything (generally right), and Putin goes for short-term objectives for political gain without a sense of the longtime consequences of his choices (heavy critique, and though not a Putin fan myself, Obama might have just overstated his case).

Then he goes ahead and advises America to be wary of China's ascent in the global market, as China reaching that pre-eminence only makes it a danger to the world. Not coincidentally, China revealed that it does have the missile capability to deliver nuclear warheads to the U.S. mainland, a capability it had heretofore denied.

Island Snapshots



BEACH CLEANUP CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Joshua Calixterio Mostales, an upcoming senior at Westview High School in Portland, Oregon, organized a beach cleanup on July 31, 2014. He was joined by Soilo Valeros, Tiana Ranjo, Andrea Ranjo, Masami Sato, RJ Aquino, Jeffrey Centino, Hyun Bin (Kevin) Hwang, John Lee.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
According to Mostales: "Before I came to Saipan this summer to visit family and friends, I decided to organize a group of volunteers to help clean up the beaches, not only to fulfill my honors diploma, but also to clean, restore, and advocate for something that I've taken for granted—Saipan's beaches. The beaches on this island have been carelessly polluted, creating a non-conducive environment for locals, tourists, and even marine life. I am hoping to establish a precedent that other locals—especially younger individuals—can follow, and hopefully allow them to realize the dangers of polluting Saipan's beaches."



BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS
Happy first birthday to our handsome lil' man, Reiden Jiohn Palacios Travilla! May the Lord continue to bless you and guide you always. We love you so much! Greetings come from Mom and Dad.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Belated happy 25th birthday to Ashley Ada, who celebrated her special day on Aug. 4 2014! May God continue to bless you on this special day! Greetings come from your kumaire and family.

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Joshua C. Mostales and his fellow volunteers are accompanied during their cleanup by Mostales' grandmother, Fe Y. Calixterio, left-most.



MAYORAL BET HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
Tinian Mayor Ramon "Ray" Dela Cruz, center, files his candidacy on Friday as he seeks re-election in November. He is flanked by three other candidates from Tinian with whom he is aligned with, including incumbent Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Saipan) seeking election as Tinian senator, former representative Edwin Aldan seeking his old post, and incumbent Sen. Jack Borja (Ind-Tinian) seeking election for the same post. Also in photo is Commonwealth Election Commission Robert Guerrero, second from left.

Business

FHB posts \$109.1M net income in first half of 2014

HAGATÑA, Guam—First Hawaiian Bank, Hawaii's largest and oldest bank, announced yesterday 2014 first half net income of \$109.1 million, up 4.4 percent over the first half of 2013.

Second quarter net income of \$55.9 million was up 7.7 percent over the comparable quarter of 2013.

First Hawaiian grew its total assets to

\$17.5 billion, an increase of 5.6 percent over 2013.

The bank's loan and lease portfolio reached \$9.6 billion and deposits achieved \$14.1 billion for the second quarter of 2014, increases of 4.8 percent and 9.3 percent, respectively, compared to the second quarter of 2013.

The announcement was made by Bob Harrison, First Hawaiian Bank chairman, president, and CEO.

"First Hawaiian Bank finished the first half of 2014 very strong, building on the momentum of first quarter, in our second quarter, asset quality remained solid and we achieved record levels of loans and deposits," said Harrison.



Compared to the previous year, for the first six months ending June 30, 2014, First Hawaiian achieved the following:

■ Total assets reached a record \$17.5 billion, up 5.6 percent.

■ Total loans and leases were \$9.6 billion, up 4.8 percent.

■ Total deposits were a record \$14.1 billion, an increase of 9.3 percent.

■ Nonperforming assets to total assets remained one of the lowest in the banking industry at 0.17 percent.

■ Efficiency ratio was 44.66 percent, making First Hawaiian the most productive bank in Hawaii and one of the most efficient in the nation.

During the second quarter of the year, the bank achieved another milestone when total assets reached \$17.5 billion for the first time.

First Hawaiian Bank (www.fhb.com) with \$17.5 billion in total assets was founded in 1858 and is Hawaii's oldest and largest bank. It is a wholly-owned subsidiary of BNP Paribas, a leading global financial services institution. (**FHB**)

Delta to expand use of e-gadgets below 10,000 feet on int'l flights

» **Customers invited to leave mobile devices in 'airplane mode' on all Delta and Delta Connection flights**

ATLANTA—Delta Air Lines will allow customers flying outside of U.S. airspace to continue using their portable electronic devices below 10,000 feet for international flights effective immediately. Delta was the first U.S. carrier to submit plans with the Federal Aviation Administration to allow domestic customers continued use of portable electronic devices while in airplane mode from gate to gate.

All of Delta and Delta Connection's more than 1,250 aircraft completed carrier-defined PED tolerance testing to ensure the safe operation of passenger portable electronic devices during all phases of flight. In 2013 the policy change allowed customers to use e-readers, tablets, and smartphones, all in airplane mode, during taxi, takeoff, and landing on flights.

"Customers have told us they want to use portable electronic devices on international flights just like they do domestically," said Joanne Smith, senior vice president, In-Flight Service. "Now they can, and we continue making the travel experience better for Delta customers."

Yesterday's announcement continues Delta's efforts to lead

the industry by offering customers:

■ Delta Studio and free content from every seat on more than 1,000 aircraft.

■ The largest WiFi enabled fleet, including more than 800 aircraft

■ The only U.S. domestic carrier with personal on-demand entertainment at every seat on all long-haul international flights

■ Full flat-bed seating with direct-aisle access on all international widebody aircraft

■ The first real-time baggage tracking on delta.com and the Fly Delta app

■ The first U.S. airline with real-time customer service through Twitter @DeltaAssist

The expanded customer use of portable electronic devices on international flights compliments Delta's position to not allow the use of cell phones for voice calls while allowing silent data transmissions that don't interfere with customer comfort.

Customers will be advised onboard by flight crews of any exceptions to this policy. Additional details on Delta's updated PED policy are available at news.delta.com. (**Delta**)



This July 8, 2014 photo shows William Kistler at work in his office in Denver. AP

Not so golden: Wealth gap lasting into retirement

By **MICHAEL HILL**
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William Kistler views retirement like someone tied to the tracks and watching a train coming. It's looming and threatening, but there's little he can do.

Kistler, a 63-year-old resident of Golden, Colorado, has been unable to build up a nest egg for himself and his wife with his modest salary at a nonprofit. He has saved little in a 401(k) over the past decade, after spending most of his working life self-employed. That puts him far behind many wealthier Americans approaching retirement.

"There is not enough to retire with," he said. "It's completely frightening, to tell you the truth. And I, like a lot of people, try not to think about it too much, which is actually a problem."

With traditional pensions becoming rarer in the private sector, and lower-paid workers less likely to have access to an employer-provided retirement plan, there is a growing gulf in the retirement savings of the wealthy and people with lower incomes. That, experts say, could exacerbate an already widening wealth gap across America, as more than 70 million baby boomers head into retirement—many of them with skimpy reserves.

Because retirement savings are ever more closely tied to income, the widening gulf between the rich and those with less promises to continue—and perhaps worsen—after workers reach retirement age. That is likely to put pressure on government services and lead even more Americans to work well into what is supposed to be their golden years.

Increasingly, financial security for retirees reflects how much they have accumulated during their working career—

things like 401(k) accounts, other savings and home equity.

Highly educated, dual income couples tend to do better under this system. The future looks bleaker for people with less education, lower incomes or health issues, as well as for single parents, said Karen Smith, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute, a Washington think tank.

"We do find rising inequality," said Smith, who added that it's a problem if those at the top are seeing disproportionate gains from economic growth.

Incomes for the highest-earning 1 percent of Americans soared 31 percent from 2009 through 2012, after adjusting for inflation, according to data compiled by Emmanuel Saez, an economist at University of California, Berkeley. For everyone else, it inched up an average of 0.4 percent.

Researchers at the liberal Economic Policy Institute say households in the top fifth of income saw median retirement savings increase from \$45,539 in 1989 to \$160,000 in 2010 in inflation-adjusted dollars. For households in the bottom fifth, median retirement savings were down from \$8,433 in 1989 to \$8,000 in 2010, adjusted for inflation. The calculations did not include households without retirement savings.

Employment Benefit Research Institute research director Jack VanDerhei found that in households where annual income is less than \$25,000, nine in 10 saved less than \$10,000, up slightly from 2009. For households with six-figure incomes, 42 percent saved at least \$250,000, up from 34 percent five years earlier.

The days of retirees being able to count on set monthly payments from pensions continue to fade among non-government workers. Only 13 percent of private-sector work-

ers now participate in "defined benefit" plans, compared with a third of such workers in 1985. They've been eclipsed by "defined contribution" plans, often 401(k)s, in which employers match a portion of employee contributions.

Americans know they need to save for retirement. The trick for many is actually doing it. It's estimated that about half of private-sector workers don't take part in a retirement plan at their current job.

"Over the years, all I've been able to do, especially as a single parent, is just pay your bills every month," said Susan McNamara, a 62-year-old adjunct professor from the Boston area. "Anything that's left over is used up when your car breaks down or when the furnace breaks down. ... There's never anything left over, ever."

McNamara is divorced and her son is now grown. But she has had heart issues linked to cancer in 2004 and related financial worries. She sold her home to meet expenses. McNamara has a defined contribution plan from past stints as a full-time professor, but its balance is under \$50,000.

Or consider Kistler, who makes \$41,000 a year working as a benefits counselor for a nonprofit health care provider. He has no substantial savings beyond the 401(k) worth roughly \$19,000, and he has debt. He plans to keep working.

Kistler is philosophical about being on the short end of a retirement gap, though he wonders what will happen when boomers in his financial situation begin retiring by the millions.

"This next 10 to 15 years is going to be quite interesting," he said.

EBRI, a Washington-based nonpartisan research group, projects that more than 55 percent of baby boomers and the generation that follows them, Generation X, will

have enough money to last through retirement.

But EBRI also found the least wealthy boomer and Gen X households are far more likely to run short of money in retirement. Under some models, 43 percent of those in the lowest quarter run short of money in the first year of retirement.

VanDerhei, EBRI's research director, said members of that group are relying mostly on Social Security and lacked consistent access to retirement plans over their careers.

Many of those retirees will find that it won't be enough, David John of AARP's Public Policy Institute said, noting the average monthly Social Security retiree benefit last year was about \$1,300.

"In the long run, if we have significant numbers of people retiring on Social Security and very little else, there's going to be a tremendous pressure on state and local governments for additional services, ranging from health to housing to libraries," John said. "There's going to be significant pressure on the national government to provide additional support."

John said a good first step would be to ensure more workers have the ability to save through employer-sponsored retirement plans.

For many, it will mean working to a later age and cutting back.

In Brooklyn, 60-year-old Madeline Smith is already thinking about a modest future. While she has no illusions about living the "little fairy tale" of a cushy retirement, she also is confident she can get by, maybe working part-time, living simply or even renting out her house.

"Sometimes you have to learn to be a little bit more conservative," she said. "I think a lot of people are learning that now as they get older."

Nation

US sent Latin youth undercover in anti-Cuba ploy

WASHINGTON (AP)—An Obama administration program secretly dispatched young Latin Americans to Cuba using the cover of health and civic programs to provoke political change, a clandestine operation that put those foreigners in danger even after a U.S. contractor was hauled away to a Cuban jail.

Beginning as early as October 2009, a project overseen by the U.S. Agency for International Development sent Venezuelan, Costa Rican and Peruvian young people to Cuba in hopes of ginning up rebellion. The travelers worked undercover, often posing as tourists, and traveled around the island scouting for people they could turn into political activists.

In one case, the workers formed an HIV-prevention workshop that memos called “the perfect excuse” for the program’s political goals—a gambit that could undermine America’s efforts to improve health globally.

But their efforts were fraught with incompetence and risk, an Associated Press investigation found: Cuban authorities questioned who was bankrolling the travelers. The young workers nearly blew their mission to “identify potential social-change actors.” One said he got a paltry,



In this July 11, 2014, photo, Cuban students exit Marta Abreu Central University in Santa Clara, Cuba. AP

30-minute seminar on how to evade Cuban intelligence, and there appeared to be no safety net for the inexperienced workers if they were caught.

“Although there is never total certainty, trust that the authorities will not try to harm you physically, only frighten you,” read a memo obtained by the AP. “Remember that the Cuban government prefers to avoid negative media reports abroad,

so a beaten foreigner is not convenient for them.”

In all, nearly a dozen Latin Americans served in the pro-

gram in Cuba, for pay as low as \$5.41 an hour.

The AP found USAID and its contractor, Creative Associ-

ates International, continued the program even as U.S. officials privately told their government contractors to consider suspending travel to Cuba after the arrest of contractor Alan Gross, who remains imprisoned after smuggling in sensitive technology.

“We value your safety,” one senior USAID official said in an email. “The guidance applies to ALL travelers to the island, not just American citizens,” another official said.

The revelations of the USAID program come as the White House faces questions about the once-secret “Cuban Twitter” project, known as ZunZuneo. That program, launched by USAID in 2009 and uncovered by the AP in April, established a primitive social media network under the noses of Cuban officials. USAID’s inspector general is investigating that program, which ended in September, 2012.

Officials said USAID launched “discreet” programs

like ZunZuneo to increase the flow of information in a country that heavily restricts it. But the AP’s earlier investigation found ZunZuneo was political in nature and drew in subscribers unaware that the service was paid for by the U.S. government.

“USAID and the Obama administration are committed to supporting the Cuban people’s desire to freely determine their own future,” the agency said in response to written questions from the AP. “USAID works with independent youth groups in Cuba on community service projects, public health, the arts and other opportunities to engage publicly, consistent with democracy programs worldwide.”

In a statement late Sunday, USAID said the HIV workshop had a dual purpose: It “enabled support for Cuban civil society while providing a secondary benefit of addressing the desire Cubans expressed for information and training about HIV prevention.”

US missionary with Ebola leaving Liberia Tuesday

ATLANTA (AP)—A second American missionary stricken with Ebola is expected to be flown Tuesday to the U.S. for treatment, following a colleague who was admitted over the weekend to Emory University Hospital’s infectious disease unit.

A Liberian official confirmed to the Associated Press plans for Nancy Writebol to depart with a medical evacuation team. The official, Information Minister Lewis Brown, said the evacuation flight was scheduled to leave West Africa between 1 a.m. and 1.30 a.m. local time Tuesday.

Writebol is in good spirits despite her diagnosis, said the pastor of her hometown church in Charlotte, North Carolina, who has spoken with her husband, David.

“She is holding her own,” the Rev. John Munro said. Munro’s Calvary Church is a non-denominational evangelical congregation that sponsors the Writebols as missionaries in Liberia, one of the West African nations grappling with the worst outbreak of Ebola ever recorded there.

Writebol’s mission team partner, Dr. Kent Brantly, was

improving Sunday after he was admitted to Emory’s quarantine unit a day earlier, according to a statement from his wife.

“Our family is rejoicing over Kent’s safe arrival, and we are confident that he is receiving the very best care,” Amber Brantly said, adding that she was able to see her husband Sunday.

Brantly and Nancy Writebol served on the same mission team treating Ebola victims when they contracted the virus themselves. Brantly was serving as a physician in the hospital compound near Monrovia, Liberia, when he became infected. They said Writebol worked as a hygienist whose role included decontaminating those entering or leaving the Ebola treatment area at that hospital.

There is no cure for Ebola, which causes hemorrhagic fever that kills at least 60 percent of the people it infects in Africa. Ebola spreads through close contact with bodily fluids and blood, meaning it is not spread as easily as airborne influenza or the common cold. Africa’s under-developed health care system and inadequate infection controls make it easier for the Ebola virus to spread and harder to treat.

Decade on, separate lives for once-conjoined twins

SCARSDALE, N.Y. (AP)—One twin uses an iPad, plays video games and dances to Michael Jackson tunes. The other has significant, possibly permanent, problems walking and talking.

The delicate separation 10 years ago of conjoined twins from the Philippines wasn’t perfect, but the boys’ mother says their very survival is reason enough to celebrate the anniversary.

“When they were born, the doctors at home told me, ‘You have to choose which one is to live,’” Arlene Aguirre said. “I said, ‘I cannot choose that.’ The doctors here did not ask me to choose.”

The boys, now 12, were born joined at the top of their heads, unable to sit up, stand straight, eat normally—or see each other.

Once their case was accepted by the Children’s Hospital at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, leaving Carl and Clarence conjoined was not an option.

“If they hadn’t come to us when they did, they would have just withered away and died,” said Dr. Robert Marion, the boys’ pediatrician, who plans to be at the hospital Monday to mark the separation anniversary. “I am extremely proud of having been a part of this. I’m a little disappointed with some of the outcome but, clearly, to see how these kids have survived and are for the most part thriving, is really wonderful.”

Montefiore’s president and CEO, Dr. Steven Safyer, said, “We are honored to have played a part in helping these boys develop into the unique individu-

als they are today.”

The boys were separated on Aug. 4, 2004, in an operation that climaxed a then-unusual “staged separation” that took four surgeries over nine months.

When it was over, Dr. David Staffenberg, the boys’ plastic surgeon, told the mother, “You’re now the mother of two boys.”

Aguirre, who never left the area after the operation and now raises the boys in Scarsdale, said she throws birthday parties twice a year—on April 21, the day they were born, and on Aug. 4.

“The historical treatment was basically to sacrifice one to save the other,” said the lead surgeon, Dr. James Goodrich. “The staged separation turned out to be obviously very successful.”

He and his team have since separated four other sets of

joined-at-the-head twins in London, Melbourne and Riyadh.

The Aguirre boys shared a “bridge” of brain, 5 or 6 centimeters long, that had to be divided. “When you get beyond 1 centimeter or 2 centimeters, one or both kids takes a hit,” Goodrich said.

Eventually there was some degeneration of Carl’s right parietal lobe, which controls the left side, Goodrich said. Carl suffered seizures, now controlled with medication, and has limited use of his left arm and leg.

Carl uses a wheelchair and leg braces, and there’s hope he’ll eventually be able to walk on his own, though Goodrich doubts there will be a full recovery.

As for speech, his mother said he can utter just a word or two at

a time, such as “bye” and “thank you.” He spends the school day in classes for kids with multiple disabilities and gets occupational, physical and speech therapy.

She said Clarence, who can be difficult to understand when he speaks, also gets some special instruction in communication. But unlike Carl, he is an attention-seeking preteen who leaps up to high-five visitors and is quick to show them his favorite video games.

“He’s kind of a delightful kid,” said Marion, who is chief of genetics at the Children’s Hospital. “I think he’s going to be a typical adult.”

Clarence shows tenderness toward his quiet twin, and Arlene Aguirre said, “He feels like he’s the big brother. He likes to read to Carl, and he’s very patient.”



Formerly conjoined twins Clarence, left, and Carl Aguirre, 12, embrace while relaxing with their mother Arlene at the family’s home in Scarsdale, N.Y., Thursday, July 31, 2014. AP

Asia

Strong quake kills 381 in southern China

BEIJING (AP)—Rescuers dug through shattered homes Monday looking for survivors of a strong earthquake in southern China's Yunnan province that killed at least 381 people and injured more than 1,800.

About 12,000 mostly brick homes collapsed when the quake struck Sunday afternoon in the impoverished Ludian county, about 370 kilometers (230 miles) northeast of Yunnan's capital, Kunming, China's official Xinhua News Agency reported.

The streets of Ludian county seat of Zhaotong were like a "battlefield after a bombardment," resident Ma Liya told Xinhua. She added that her neighbor's house, a new two-story building, had toppled, and said the quake was far worse than one that struck the area in 2012 and killed 81 people.

"I have never felt such strong tremors before. All I can see are ruins," Ma said. "The aftermath is much, much worse than what happened after the quake two years ago."

The magnitude-6.1 quake

struck at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday at a depth of 10 kilometers (6 miles), according to the U.S. Geological Survey. Its epicenter was in Ludian county township of Longtoushan. China's earthquake monitoring agency put the magnitude at 6.5.

Rain and thunderstorms were forecast for the area in the coming hours, complicating efforts to bring tents, water food and other relief supplies to survivors. Roads had caved in, and rescuers were forced to travel on foot.

Xinhua and state broadcaster CCTV said 381 people were killed, citing rescuers. CCTV said 1,891 were injured, three were missing and 29,400 had been evacuated. The death toll was expected to rise, once rescuers reached remote communities to assess casualties.

Many of the homes that collapsed in Ludian, which has a population of about 429,000, were old and made of brick, Xinhua said, adding that electricity and telecommunications were cut off in the county.

The mountainous region where the quake occurred



In this photo taken by cellphone and released by China's Xinhua News Agency, men at rubbles of buildings look for survivors after an earthquake in Ludian County of Zhaotong City in southwest China's Yunnan Province Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014.

Thousands of Filipinos refuse to leave Libya jobs

MANILA, Philippines

(AP)—Only a fraction of about 13,000 Filipinos have expressed a desire to leave Libya so far despite frantic Philippine government efforts to evacuate them because they're afraid of losing their jobs in the conflict-torn country, Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario said Sunday.

Del Rosario said only 1,700 Filipinos have signed up to be repatriated from the Libyan cities of Benghazi and Misrata as well as the capital, Tripoli, after the Philippines called for the mandatory evacuations of its nationals from the North African nation.

The Philippines has chartered a ship to transport the Filipinos this week from Libya to Malta, where flights will be arranged to take them home.

About 160 Filipinos have escaped by land to Tunisia, including 50 workers who were briefly stranded when the border crossing was shut by authorities Friday night due to violence that erupted amid the rush to escape from Libya, del Rosario said.

"I'm not sure that we can even get 50 percent to come home," he told The Associated Press after arriving in Manila from Tunisia, where he helped arranged the evacuations of Filipinos in Libya. "They're

so scared, but their concerns are their jobs."

Filipino nurses are especially apprehensive about leaving because employers have enticed them to stay with additional pay and they are committed to their hospital work, del Rosario said.

Philippine calls for the Filipino workers and their dependents to move out of Libya heightened after a Filipino construction worker was beheaded a few weeks ago and a nurse was abducted and gang-raped amid the escalating violence.

President Benigno Aquino III deployed del Rosario to Tunisia with an order for him to make sure "no one gets left behind," del Rosario said, but he added that many simply refused to leave despite the danger.

"I was told that if some of them go out of their houses, they get divested of their money and cellphones," he said. "That's what is scary. Nobody seems to be in charge. There are no evident police forces so if you get in trouble, you're on your own."

The Philippines is among the world's top labor exporters, with about a tenth of its 100 million people working abroad to prop up their families and the country's economy with the money they send home.

'No chance' of finding 159 Nepal landslide victims

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—

Rescuers recovered two more bodies, taking the death toll to 10 from a massive weekend landslide in northern Nepal, but said there was no chance of finding alive any of the more than 150 people believed still buried under the rubble.

Police and army rescuers helped by villagers resumed their search Monday through piles of rock, mud and upturned trees.

Gopal Parajuli, the chief government administrator in the area, said they were using bulldozers and excavators to dig through the debris in some areas.

Rescuers were also trying to carve out temporary roads to reach people stranded on the other side of Arniko highway, a route that connects Katmandu with northern districts and the border with China.

The landslide that struck early Saturday blocked a mountain river, causing it to back up and form a lake that

was threatening to burst and sweep away several villages, although Parajuli said the water level was slowly falling.

Officials have, however, ruled out finding anyone alive.

"We have no chance of finding any of the missing people alive under this pile of debris," said Yadav Prasad Koirala, who heads the government's Department of Natural Disaster Management. "We have the names of 159 people who are believed to be missing and buried, but there could be even more people."

The landslide Saturday morning crushed dozens of houses in the village of Mankha, about 120 kilometers (75 miles) east of Katmandu, Nepal's capital.

Controlled explosions by the army on Saturday managed to knock down part of an earth wall that had blocked a river and created a temporary dam, allowing some water to flow out, but much of it still remained trapped, posing a threat to downstream villages as far

away as India.

A Mankha resident who was among the dozens of people injured by the landslide said he feared his entire village had been wiped out.

Durga Lal Shrestha said there were nearly 100 people in the 60 houses in his village and 20 more people in a neighboring village who were buried by the landslide.

Shrestha, who suffered bruises on his face and arms, said he and his family heard a rumbling sound and felt the ground shake.

"The walls in my house caved in, but the roof was fine and that is how we were able to survive," he said.

In neighboring India's Bihar state, authorities evacuated thousands of villagers after flood warnings were issued in eight districts. Indian soldiers, and air force helicopters and jets were being readied to launch relief and rescue operations, said Anirudh Prasad, a top official in Patna, Bihar's capital.

is largely agricultural, with farming and mining the top industries, and is prone to earthquakes.

Relief efforts were underway, with more than 2,500 troops dispatched to the disaster region, Xinhua said. The Red Cross Society of China allocated quilts, jackets and tents for those made homeless by the quake, while Red Cross branches in Hong Kong, Macau and neighboring Sichuan province also sent relief supplies.

Premier Li Keqiang was en route to Yunnan to oversee quake relief, Xinhua said.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon offered "his condolences to the Chinese Government and the families of those killed," according to a statement from his office.

Death toll rises to 75 in Chinese factory blast

BEIJING (AP)—The death toll in for an explosion at a Chinese auto parts factory has risen to 75 people, as investigators fault poor safety measures and news reports reveal that workers had long complained of dangerous levels of dust at the facility.

Metal dust produced from polishing steel hubcaps ignited Saturday morning at the factory in the eastern Chinese city of Kunshan, causing an explosion that destroyed almost the entire roof of the plant, city officials said. More than 200 workers were at the factory at the time of the blast, China's most serious industrial disaster since a fire at a poultry plant killed 119 people in June last year.

The metallic dust stuck to the skin of workers, burning between 50 and 90 percent of their bodies, said Liu Wei, deputy chief of the health bureau in the city, located in Jiangsu province, about 1,000 kilometers (600 miles) southeast of Beijing.

The blast killed 75 people, at least 25 of them dying in hospital, state media said. An additional 186 people were injured, most with severe burns.

State broadcaster CCTV showed footage of large plumes of thick, black smoke rising from the plant, and news websites posted photos of the dead or injured lifted onto the back of large trucks, their bodies black, presumably from burns or soot.

A preliminary investigation showed that the blast was likely a dust explosion, said China's official Xinhua News Agency. Chinese newspapers reported that workers at the factory had complained over the past years about layers of dust gathering on their work tables, and poor ventilation in the facility.

World

Israel withdraws most troops from Gaza

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP)—Israel withdrew most of its ground troops from the Gaza Strip on Sunday in an apparent winding down of the nearly monthlong operation against Hamas that has left more than 1,800 Palestinians and more than 60 Israelis dead.

Even as Israel said it was close to completing its mission, heavy fighting raged in parts of Gaza, with at least 10 people killed in what U.N. and Palestinian officials said was an Israeli airstrike near a U.N. shelter. The United States lashed out at Israel, saying it was “appalled” by the “disgraceful” attack.

And with Hamas officials vowing to continue their fight, it remained uncertain whether Israel could unilaterally end the war.

Israel launched its military operation in Gaza on July 8 in response to weeks of heavy rocket fire, carrying out hundreds of airstrikes across the crowded seaside territory. It then sent in ground forces July 17 in what it said was a mission to destroy the tunnels used by Hamas to carry out attacks.

Hamas has fired more than 3,000 rockets into Israel during what has turned into the bloodiest round of fighting ever between the two enemies.

Lt. Col. Peter Lerner, an



Smoke rises after an Israeli airstrike in Gaza City, Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014.

Israeli military spokesman, confirmed the bulk of ground troops had been pulled out of Gaza after the military concluded it had destroyed most of the tunnel network.

He said Israel had detected

some 30 tunnels that were dug along the border for what he called a “synchronized attack” on Israel.

“We’ve caused substantial damage to this network to an extent where we’ve basically taken this huge threat and made

it minimal,” he said. The army had thousands of troops in Gaza at the height of the operation.

In southern Israel, armored vehicles could be seen rolling slowly onto the back of large flat-bed trucks near the Gaza border,

while soldiers folded flags from atop a tank and rolled up their belongings and sleeping bags.

Lerner said, however, that the operation was not over and that Israel would continue to target Hamas’ rocket-firing capabilities

and its ability to infiltrate Israel.

The Israeli military said early Monday it would hold fire for a seven-hour “humanitarian window” beginning at 10 a.m. (0700 GMT), saying the truce would not apply to areas where troops were still operating. The military said it would respond to any attacks during that time.

While Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has vowed to press on against Hamas, he is coming under international pressure to halt the fighting because of the heavy civilian death toll.

U.N. officials say more than three-quarters of the dead have been civilians, including the 10 people killed Sunday at a U.N. school that has been converted into a shelter in the southern town of Rafah.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon called the attack a “moral outrage and a criminal act” and demanded a quick investigation, while the U.S. State Department condemned the strike in unusually strong language.

According to witnesses, Israeli strikes hit just outside the main gates of the school. The Red Crescent, a charity, said the attack occurred while people were in line to get food from aid workers. Gaza health official Ashraf al-Kidra said in addition to the dead, 35 people were wounded.

22 killed in day of clashes over Libyan airport

TRIPOLI, Libya (AP)—A day of militia fighting over control of the international airport in Libya’s capital killed 22 people, the country’s interim government said Sunday, part of the worsening chaos gripping the country.

Libya is seeing its worst violence since the 2011 civil war that toppled dictator Moammar Gadhafi, as militias made up of the rebels who overthrew him largely run wild in the country, armed with heavy weaponry that outguns its poorly organized security forces.

Saturday’s deaths bring the death toll after weeks of fighting

for control of Tripoli’s international airport, as well as Libya’s second-largest city of Benghazi, to 236 people.

Islamist militias from the coastal city of Misrata have led the assault on the airport, seeking to seize it from militiamen from the mountain town of Zintan. Militia shelling has set fire to at least eight huge oil depots, sending plumes of black smoke over Tripoli, Libya’s state-run news agency reported Sunday.

The fighting came as more than three-quarters of Libya’s newly elected parliament met for the first time in Tobruk, a city

near the Egyptian border chosen for the meeting by a prominent anti-Islamist politician, signaling a swing against Islamist parties and extremist militias.

Days before the lawmakers convened however, Islamist militias overran several army bases and took control of the eastern city of Benghazi, the cradle of the 2011 revolt. Their Benghazi advance dealt a major blow to forces loyal to a renegade general who has vowed to drive extremist militias out following months of violence.

On Saturday, 152 lawmakers gathered in Tobruk, according

to the official Facebook page of Libya’s House of Representatives. Abu Bakr Baiera, the anti-Islamist lawmaker who presided over the session, decided to postpone the official opening of the meeting until more lawmakers arrive.

The presence of that many members of parliament—all elected as independents—suggests most lawmakers are not affiliated to the Islamist factions that dominated Libya’s outgoing interim parliament. The last session suffered from political infighting, as well as violent attacks that saw lawmakers kidnapped and parliament itself besieged.

Syrian rebels kill 10 and capture others in Lebanon

BEIRUT (AP)—Syrian rebels killed 10 Lebanese troops and likely captured over a dozen more in a raid on a Lebanese border town, the country’s military chief said, the most serious spillover of violence yet into the tiny country from its neighbor’s civil war.

The capture of Lebanese soldiers and police raised fears that the country could become further entangled in the Syrian civil war and could worsen already-brewing sectarian tensions.

“What happened today is more serious than what some people imagine,” Lebanon’s army chief, Gen. Jean Kahwaji, told journalists.

As fighting raged Sunday, some residents tried to flee from the eastern Lebanese border town of Aarsal, home to 40,000 residents and 120,000 Syrian refugees.

The attack began Saturday as Syrian rebels made a cross-border raid into Aarsal, some 90 kilometers (55 miles) from the capital, Beirut. The clashes continued into Sunday around the municipal building and an army checkpoint, Lebanon’s state news agency reported. Local television footage showing wailing ambulances racing into town and soldiers standing guard just outside its limits.

The raid came hours after the

army said troops detained Syrian Imad Ahmad Jomaa, who identified himself as a member of the Nusra Front. The state-run National News Agency said Jomaa was detained as he was being brought to a hospital in Lebanon after being wounded while fighting Syrian troops.

The Nusra Front is one of the most powerful groups fighting to overthrow the rule of Syrian President Bashar Assad.

The army chief said the fighters belonged to extremist Sunni groups, but did not name them. He said the fighting had killed 10 soldiers, while 13 were missing.

“They may be prisoners of terrorist groups,” he said.

A video uploaded to an account associated with the Nusra Front showed over a dozen captured Lebanese soldiers and police officers. In the video, the men announced their defections from the Lebanese army and the Shiite militant group Hezbollah, whose forces are fighting in Syria in support of Assad.

The video of the men’s capture appeared authentic and corresponded with Associated Press reporting on the attack in Aarsal. But the men appeared uncomfortable as they repeated similar statements as many refused to look at the camera.

Ukraine’s army on outskirts of rebel stronghold

DONETSK, Ukraine (AP)—Fighting raged Sunday on the western outskirts of Donetsk as the advancing Ukrainian army tried to seize control of the rebel stronghold. In danger of being encircled, the separatists renewed their calls for Russia to send troops to their aid.

To support their operations, the pro-Russian fighters have been confiscating vehicles and food from residents and businesses in Donetsk. The center of the major industrial city is all but deserted, with few people or cars on the streets and most stores and restaurants closed.

A spokesman for the Ukrainian military operation, Alexei

Dmitrashkovsky, told The Associated Press that government soldiers were fighting Sunday to hold positions they had taken on the edge of Donetsk, but were meeting resistance.

In the part of the city closest to the fighting, an artillery shell hit a school overnight, but no one was reported hurt.

“The shell went through the roof and exploded inside the building, setting off a fire, but we still don’t know who fired it,” said Dmitry Levonchik, a 45-year-old coal miner. “Who needs this war? What are they fighting for?”

The sound of gunfire and explosions was heard just to the west.

Pavel Gubarev, the self-pro-

claimed governor of the separatist Donetsk region, said the rebels would win quickly if Russia sent troops.

“Of course it would be great to see Russian peacekeepers here: strong artillery units, tank brigades,” Gubarev said. “This war would be over in a day, maybe two.”

Ukraine and the West say they have evidence that Russia is arming the separatists. Russia denies this and describes the Russian citizens fighting in eastern Ukraine as volunteers.

The conflict began after the Moscow-leaning president was ousted in February following months of street protests and a

new pro-Western government took power in Kiev. Alarmed by the prospect of Ukraine moving closer to the European Union and NATO, Russian President Vladimir Putin fomented the pro-Russia insurgency in the mostly Russian-speaking east with the apparent aim of winning an agreement that would allow Moscow to maintain its influence in Ukraine.

If he is unable to win such a compromise and the Ukrainian army continues to take back rebel-held cities and towns, Putin may come under increased pressure to intervene militarily.

Many Donetsk residents have counted on help from Russia.

Overdrive

Volvo V60 wagon packs more fun

By DAVID UNDERCOFFLER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Consider Volvo's 2015 V60 station wagon penance for all the boxy cars the company threw at us in the 1980s and '90s.

No longer refrigerator-shaped, the style of this all-new car leaves its forefathers in the dust. The sleek silhouette puts form ahead of function to create a wagon just as good for a play date as it is on a real date.

But pack light. The V60 can't haul like the old Volvo wagons used to.

Volvo—a brand that's Swedish by heritage but Chinese by ownership—also fitted the car with a new, more efficient engine and transmission. The V60 manages to pack in the European panache of rival wagons like the BMW 328i or Audi Allroad, and for less money, starting at \$36,225.

As the name may indicate, the V60 is the wagon derivative of Volvo's S60 mid-size sedan. That car has been around in its current form since 2010, though Volvo gave it a mild aesthetic update in 2014.

An in-line, 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine makes 240 horsepower and 258 pound-feet of torque. It's hooked up to an eight-speed automatic transmission that pushes power to the front wheels. All-wheel drive is a \$1,500 option that our test car didn't have.

With an overboost function that belts out 280 pound-feet of torque for the first 10 seconds of acceleration, this V60 promises on-time delivery to any destination. Zero to 60 mph passes by in 6.1 seconds, according to Volvo. The scenery passes by even quicker when you have the car in its sport setting.

This new drivetrain is rated by the EPA at 25 mpg in the city and 37 on the highway. We averaged 23.5 mpg during 350 miles of testing in mostly city driving.

Our \$42,225 test car had a \$1,500 sport package. This adds a retuned suspension that lowers the car, paddle shifters for the transmission, sports seats and larger, 19-inch alloy wheels. We appreciated the extra chutzpah these features gave the V60 in turns, but found the ride quality a bit too harsh as a result.

Other options included a \$900 safety package with blind-spot monitoring, cross traffic alert and parking sensors.

And a \$2,550 package added leather seats, a digital instrument panel, backup camera, silver bits of trim on the outside and keyless entry. Oddly, for the money Volvo charges for our test model, a navigation system wasn't included. Whatever. You can live without nearly all of the add-ons. A basic V60 with a comfortable, quiet interior is a nice proposition for around \$36,000.



KNUTS & BOLTS

2015 Volvo V60 T5

- **Highs:** Unique style, cheaper than German counterparts, excellent new drivetrain
- **Lows:** Dashboard layout is scattered, low on cargo space due to exterior
- **Vehicle type:** four-door midsize premium station wagon
- **Base price:** \$36,225
- **Price as tested:** \$42,225
- **Powertrain:** 2.0-liter, turbocharged in-line four-cylinder engine; front-wheel drive
- **Transmission:** eight-speed automatic
- **Horsepower:** 240
- **Torque:** 258 pound-feet
- **Zero-to-60 mph:** 6.4 seconds, according to Edmunds.com
- **EPA fuel economy rating:** 25 mpg in the city, 37 on the highway

In Celebration of His New Life †Henry O. Sablan *December 19, 1943 – July 29, 2014*

In His New Life, He Now Joins His:

- Parents:** †David Salas Sablan & †Engracia O. Sablan
Sister: †Nancy Sablan Iginioef/ †Ismael W. Iginioef
Paternal Grandparents: †Benigno SN. Sablan & †Consuelo Salas Sablan
Maternal Grandparents: †Jesus Ngeskebei & †Emiliana Risong Ngeskebei
Father-in-law: †Manuel Ada Manglona
Mother-in-law: †Juana M. Manglona

His Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts Of His:

- Wife:** Regina M. Sablan
Children: David & Grace Sablan Simmons (Austin Taimanglo, Ariana, Jacob and Waylon)
 Joan M. Sablan (Clayton & Craig Aguon)
 Jerome M. Sablan (Devin Cole Sablan)
 Henry M. Sablan & Christine Arriola (Will J, Matua, Haleina and Reanni)
 Risong M. Sablan (Lea Sablan Betancourt)
 Sharon M. Sablan & Dane T. Lizama (Dion, Daesha, Dean and Dilon)
 Sherla Mae M. Sablan & Domingo Hocog (Kaykoa Hocog)

Brothers, Sisters and Spouse:

- Angelica Sablan Iba/†Jose S. Iba
 Thomas O. Sablan/Sue Lee
 Benigno O. Sablan/†Gaudencia Ilal
 David O. Sablan/Bernadita Muna
 Rosita Sablan Waldron

Brothers, Sisters In -law:

- Pilar M. Guerrero/Pedro R. Guerrero
 James M. Manglona/Joyce
 Thomas M. Manglona/Lydia

He is also survived by numerous Uncles, Aunts, Nieces, Nephews and Cousins.

Daily Mass of Intentions is being offered at 6:00AM at Mount Carmel Cathedral and at 6:00PM at San Antonio Church.

On Wednesday, August 6, 2014 our beloved's remains will be escorted from CHCC to San Antonio Church at 7:30 A.M. for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00AM followed immediately by Interment Service at the Tanapag Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You

The Family

Q&A

Don't overdo it with Corvette maintenance

By PAUL BRAND
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: I own a 2004 Chevrolet Corvette coupe purchased new in 2003. It has only 6,000 miles on it and is driven once a month in spring, summer and fall. I have a battery tender and had the battery replaced in 2010 for safety. I originally had yearly services, have had the coolant replaced a couple of times again to play it safe. I always have Mobil 1 oil changes and always drive to fully warm up the car—no short trips. I have been going every two years for the past couple of services. The car is covered in an attached garage. I try to get non-oxy gas and put a fuel stabilizer in every fall. Can I go even longer, say three years at this annual mileage? I have developed a small leak of transmission fluid from the transaxle. It appears to stop at a drop or two if I increase driving. I have been told seals can sometimes leak if the car is not driven regularly. What do you think about my maintenance program?

A: In a word—overkill. Like you, I'm a hard-core Corvette enthusiast. I have a pair now—the 1970 C3 Stingray I've owned and driven since 1972 and a 2009 C6 that purchased in 2012. For the first

two decades of its life, I serviced the C3 within an inch of its life—as you've been doing. Then, as I began driving it less and less each year, I began doing less and less maintenance. I just serviced it this spring—oil/filter/lube/brake fluid—for the first time in four years. The car still runs well, shows no signs of neglect and still puts a smile on my face every time I drive it—about once a month, like you.

I service the C6 per GM's maintenance schedule. I put about 4,000 miles and one oil/filter change per year on the car—no small expense with 10.5 quarts in the dry sump oil system. I change the clutch fluid every couple of months, and the brake fluid every two years. At 19,000 miles, I plan to change the air and cabin filters this year.

Like you, I spent decades over-maintaining my vehicles. Three reasons: I bought them used and had to keep them at least 10 years/150,000 miles; I couldn't afford to have them professionally serviced; and, of course, peace of mind.

One caveat: I wouldn't go longer than two years on the oil and filter—just for the peace of mind.

Paul Brand, author of *How to Repair Your Car*, is an automotive troubleshooter, driving instructor and former race-car driver.



Life & Style

Body-paint artist blends models into NYC landmarks

NEW YORK (AP)—New York City's streets are Trina Merry's studio, and the naked body is her canvas.

She creates remarkable images that seamlessly camouflage her mostly nude models into New York City's skyline, blending them into the details of the Empire State Building, the Manhattan Bridge, Central Park and other famous landmarks.

The art form, preserved in photographs, is the result of a meticulous process that relies on models who must hold their pose perfectly still for hours and of New York City's relatively liberal laws that have no problem with a woman standing topless in the middle of a busy street.

Merry says she came up with the idea for the series after moving to New York from the San Francisco area this year.

"I wanted to engage the city and understand it and make some observations," Merry said. "So instead of a person right in front of the Empire State building or the Statue of



In this July 29, 2014 photo, with her body painted to look like a portion of the Manhattan Bridge, model Jessica Mellow, left, and artist Trina Merry review photographs of Mellow standing in front of the bridge, in the Brooklyn borough of New York.



In this July 29, 2014 photo provided by Trina Merry, model Jessica Mellow poses in front of the Manhattan Bridge after Merry, a body-paint artist, camouflaged Mellow to blend into the bridge, in the Brooklyn borough of New York. Merry says it takes about six hours to complete a work, which is preserved in photographs before it is quickly washed away.

In this Aug. 1, 2014 photo provided by Trina Merry, a model appears to blend into the background as she stands in front of the Guggenheim Museum in New York. Artist Trina Merry employs a meticulous process that relies on models to hold their pose perfectly still for hours as she paints their bodies so they blend into various New York City landmarks.

Liberty, they're softly in the background, and you've got more of a reflective view of the person within the landscape."

This past week, the 33-year-old artist put her model in the middle of a Brooklyn street, deftly blending her into the Manhattan Bridge and surrounding streetscape with smooth brush strokes.

"It feels great to be painted," says model Jessica Mellow, who wore only a bikini bottom and running shoes. "You feel the transformation process. The brush itself, it's really soft. It feels more like a massage."

But the city as a body-painting studio comes with its hazards.

Merry carefully checked weather forecasts to make sure there was no chance of rain. She had to repaint a portion of her model after a van in the background moved. And she had to deal with the constant distraction

of pedestrians and even cab drivers who slowed down to gawk, snap pictures and ask questions—their faces a mix of shock, intrigue and anything-goes resignation.

"That's so very New York," says passer-by Celeste Hernandez. "You cannot be surprised by anything."

Marvel's 'Guardians' rockets to top of box office

By DERRIK J. LANG
AP ENTERTAINMENT WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Guardians of the Galaxy" blasted past expectations at the weekend box office.

Marvel Studios' cosmic romp starring Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana and Dave Bautista as members of an intergalactic band of rebels earned \$94 million in its debut weekend, according to studio estimates Sunday. Ahead of its Friday debut, box office analysts initially projected that the comic book adaptation would earn between \$60 million and \$75 million in North America.

The out-of-this-world launch gives "Guardians" the biggest opening for a film released in the traditionally low-key month of August, a record previously held by the \$69.2 million debut of 2007's "The Bourne Ultimatum." It

also makes "Guardians" the third largest opening of 2014, coming behind the \$95 million inauguration of "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" in April and the \$100 million launch of "Transformers: Age of Extinction" in June.

"Guardians," which also features Bradley Cooper and Vin Diesel voicing the computer-generated characters Rocket Raccoon and Groot, was originally considered a risky proposition for Marvel and "Guardians" distributor Walt Disney Co. because it features more obscure characters from the Marvel universe and is set almost entirely in outer space.

1. "Guardians of the Galaxy," \$94 million (\$66.4 million international).
2. "Lucy," \$18.3 million (\$5.1 million international).
3. "Get on Up," \$14 million.
4. "Hercules," \$10.7 million (\$14.2 million international).
5. "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," \$8.7 million (\$47.5 million international).
6. "Planes: Fire & Rescue," \$6.4 million (\$3.5 million international).
7. "The Purge: Anarchy," \$5.5 million (\$8.1 million international).
8. "Sex Tape," \$3.5 million (\$4.2 million international).
9. "And So It Goes," \$3.3 million (\$650,000 international).
10. "A Most Wanted Man," \$3.3 million (\$30,000 international).

Despite any apprehension, Marvel was betting on "Guardians," written and directed by "Slither" filmmaker James Gunn, to be a blockbuster. The studio announced at Comic-Con in San Diego last month that a sequel is already set for release in 2017. Marvel's next films are the follow-up "The Avengers: Age of Ultron" and "Ant-Man" starring Paul Rudd and Michael Douglas. Both movies are coming in

America: The Winter Soldier" each arriving in first place at the box office on their respective opening weekends.

Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst at Rentrak, believes Marvel is unstoppable at this point.

"This is a brand that transcends any character within their universe," he said. "The mere mention of the name Marvel is enough to get people into the movie theater. That's somewhat

2015.

Marvel comic book adaptations have dominated 2014 with Sony Pictures' "The Amazing Spider-Man 2," 20th Century Fox's "X-Men: Days of Future Past" and Marvel Studios' "Captain

rare. Pixar obviously has a similar cachet, but for Marvel to have four films this year open with over \$90 million is amazing. It's unprecedented success."

Disney noted that "Guardians" hauled in an additional \$66.4 million from 42 international territories, including Russia, Mexico, Brazil, South Korea and the United Kingdom, making it the first-place film overseas. "Guardians" is scheduled to land in such markets as Australia, India and Columbia next weekend.

In a distant second place at the North American box office, "Lucy," starring Scarlett Johansson as a woman with mind-bending powers, nabbed \$18.3 million in its second weekend, bringing the Universal Pictures release's domestic total to \$80 million.

Meanwhile, Universal's James Brown biopic "Get on Up" featuring Chadwick Boseman as the soulful singer opened in third place with \$14 million.

Few roles for Hispanics in top Hollywood movies

By **JESSE WASHINGTON**
AP NATIONAL WRITER

A new study shows that less than 5 percent of actors in top Hollywood films are Hispanic, and that Latinos are more likely than women of any other ethnicity to appear partially or totally naked on screen.

The study of the top 100 grossing films in 2013, by the University of Southern California's Annenberg school, found that the make-believe world of movies generally does not reflect what America looks like in real life.

About 74 percent of the actors in the study were white, compared with a U.S. population that's 63 percent non-Hispanic white.

Hispanics, who are 17 percent of the nation but had 4.9 percent of film roles, were the most underrepresented group on screen. That's despite the fact that Hispanics bought about 25 percent of all movie tickets and are more likely than any other group to go to the movies, according to the Motion Picture Association of America.

Black characters represented about 14 percent of those in the films, which is comparable to America's 13 percent black population. However, 17 percent of the films examined in the study did not have a single black speaking role, and half the films had a smaller percentage than the population, which indicates that a few movies with predominantly black casts balanced out the many movies with few black actors.

2013 was called a banner year for black actors, due to the success of films such as "Fruitvale Station," "Lee Daniels' The Butler" and "12 Years a Slave," which made Steve McQueen the first black winner of the best-director Oscar.

Hispanic stars such as the Dominican Zoe Saldana, the New York-born Puerto Rican Jennifer Lopez and the Spaniard Antonio Banderas appeared on the big screen.

Yet there has been no significant change since 2007 in the number of non-white actors in top films,



This undated file image released by Fox Searchlight, Chiwetel Ejiofor portrays Solomon Northup in a scene from "12 Years a Slave." AP

said Stacy L. Smith, director of USC Annenberg's Media, Diversity & Social Change Initiative and author of the study being released Monday.

"The only obstacle here is imagination," Smith said in an interview.

She said that the number of black directors remained low—6 percent of all directors in the study—and they were much more likely to use diverse casts. Hispanic directors were not counted.

"What we're seeing in the aggregate is very few folks not white and male being able to participate behind the camera," Smith said. "So the (on-screen) landscape remains primarily white and male. When you do have diversity behind the camera, things start to shift."

The study examined all 3,932 actors who spoke at least one word in the top 100 films of 2013. USC did similar counts in 2007-2010 and 2012.

Asians filled 4.4 percent of roles in 2013, compared with their 5.3 percent of the U.S.

population. One percent of roles were played by "Middle Eastern" actors, less than 1 percent by Native Americans, and 1 percent by "other."

Almost 38 percent of Latina actresses appeared partially or fully naked on screen, the study said. That compared with 32 percent of white females, 24 percent of black females and 18 percent of Asian actresses.

"Latinas have this stereotype that we're sex symbols ... that we walk sexy and (have) this flavor," said Roselyn Sanchez, a Puerto Rican actress who has appeared in such films as "Act of Valor" and "Rush Hour 2."

She had no explanation for why Hispanics have so few movie roles. "It's not about talent," she said.

About 17 percent of Hispanic males were shown in "tight, alluring, or revealing clothing," the most of any group. Some 14 percent of Asian males, 13 percent of black actors and 8 percent of white actors were shown in similar attire.

Black males were more likely than those from any other group to be shown in a committed relationship, at 68 percent. Asian males were the least likely, at 29 percent.

Blanca Valdez, who runs a Hispanic casting agency in Los Angeles, said it's difficult for Latinos to audition for roles unless the call specifically asks for "diversity" or "multiethnic." That often keeps them out secondary roles such as the neighbor, the lawyer, or the bank teller.

She said some actors with Hispanic surnames who look white will only put their first name on their casting photographs, just to get a foot in the door.

But Valdez said things have been changing rapidly in commercials and television, with more calls than ever for Hispanic and "multiethnic" actors. She hopes that studios will "follow the money" since Latinos are such big movie fans.

"I hope this improvement continues," Valdez said, "because there's so much talent out there that doesn't get seen."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Police: Actor Anwan Glover stabbed at DC nightclub

WASHINGTON (AP)—Authorities say actor Anwan Glover, known for playing a gang member in the TV series "The Wire," has been treated for a laceration after he reported being stabbed and kicked at a nightclub in the nation's capital. According to a police report obtained by *The Washington Post*, Glover told investigators he was at Cafe Asia early Sunday when an unknown person punched him and another person hit him on the head. Glover told police he was then kicked repeatedly and felt sharp pain in his side. Authorities say Glover was treated for a laceration to the torso at George Washington University Hospital. His condition wasn't immediately known. The 41-year-old actor lives in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, and most recently appeared in the Oscar-winning movie "12 Years a Slave."

Pharrell, Ariana Grande in NFL 'lineup'

SEATTLE (AP)—Pharrell is bringing "Happy" to the NFL. The platinum-selling musician will perform outside of CenturyLink Field in Seattle on Sept. 4 before the Seattle Seahawks play the Green Bay Packers as the NFL kicks off its 95th season. Pop singer Ariana Grande will sing the national anthem. It will air on NBC and the NFL Network. The Seahawks won the Super Bowl earlier this year. Seattle-based rockers Soundgarden will kick off the free event with a performance. Part of it will air on the NFL Network.

Best-selling author Billie Letts dies in Oklahoma

TULSA, Okla. (AP)—Best-selling author Billie Letts has died at an Oklahoma hospital. Letts' publicist, Arlene Johnson, says Letts died Saturday after a brief illness. Letts was 76. Letts' novels include "Where the Heart Is," which was turned into a movie starring Natalie Portman, Ashley Judd, Stockard Channing and Joan Cusak. Letts also taught English and creative writing at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant. She is survived by three sons—Dana Letts, musician Shawn Letts and playwright and actor Tracy Letts. Tracy Letts won a Pulitzer Prize for his play "August: Osage County," which was also made into a movie starring Meryl Streep and Julia Roberts. Johnson says funeral services are pending.

Coaster stops during 233-foot xascent; riders walk

JACKSON, N.J. (AP)—A New Jersey roller coaster lost power partway up its 233-foot peak, forcing riders to walk down along the tracks to the ground. The Nitro coaster at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson was shut down after Friday afternoon's outage. No one was hurt. NBC New York reports park personnel climbed the ride's access stairs and helped passengers to the ground. A park spokeswoman tells the Asbury Park Press that Nitro's computer system stopped the ride as designed. She says all the passengers were off the ride in 23 minutes. The ride reopened less than an hour later after safety checks. According to the park's website, Nitro hits speeds up to 80 mph and features a 540-degree helix spiral and a 215-foot drop.

Tread carefully when naming baby after deceased relative

DEAR ABBY: What is the protocol for naming a baby after a deceased person? If the name you want to use is a deceased family member's name, do we ask his next of kin for approval? Do we say nothing? Is it assumed that people who wish to use someone's name when naming their child should seek permission (whether the person is living or dead)?

Obviously, some people will use the name regardless of being granted a blessing or not, but I'm wondering what is appropriate in this situation.

PREGNANT IN ILLINOIS

DEAR PREGNANT: In the Jewish faith, it is traditional for a baby to be named for a deceased parent or grandparent—or at least given a name with the same first initial. However, if the person who died was a child of a close relative, I can see how that could be very painful for the parents who lost their child.

The appropriate thing to do would be to first have a conversation with the surviving family member(s) to be sure it will be considered the honor it is intended to be and not open fresh wounds. If it would cause pain, perhaps the expectant parents should consider making the name of the deceased their baby's middle name instead of first name.

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DEAR ABBY: During my teens, I was diagnosed with depres-

sion and institutionalized following a suicide attempt. Depression is something I live with daily. Unfortunately, my parents and siblings have a "don't ask, don't tell" policy when it comes to anything that may stir up emotions. I feel that it's detrimental to my well-being.

My doctor has suggested cutting my family out of my life. Dealing with them gives me great anxiety. My mother is a master manipulator who denies my suicide attempt ever happened, and I'm afraid she will tell my extended family members (many of whom I have relationships with) that I have "abandoned the family."

No one outside my immediate family knows about my depression or suicide attempt, and I feel I may be forced to reveal that very private part of my life in order to defend my actions. I don't know what to do.

RELUCTANT TO REVEAL

DEAR RELUCTANT TO REVEAL: I think you should follow your doctor's advice and not be intimidated. You have an illness—depression—that, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is shared by about 9 percent of our population. It is nothing to be ashamed of.

Because you're afraid of what your mother will say, explain to those relatives you feel close to what you need to do and the reasons for it. I can't guarantee that some of them won't take

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sides, but I'm sure not all of them will. Sadly, not all families are functional. Not all parents are good parents, and some of them are toxic.

P.S. Because your struggle with depression is ongoing, I hope you are still under the care of a psychotherapist. If you're not, please consider it.

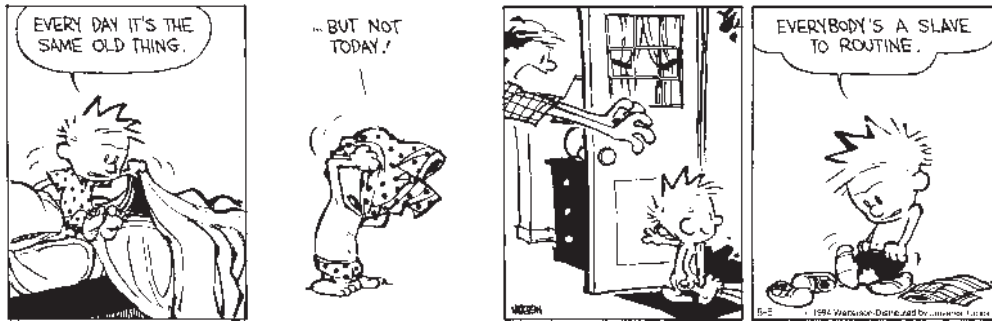
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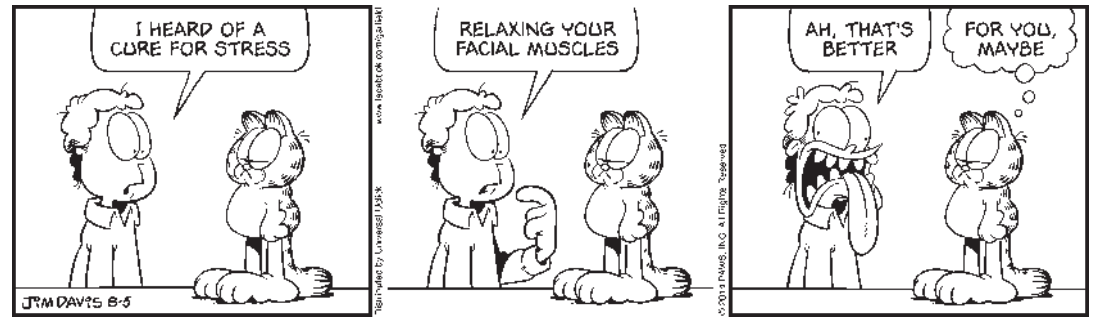
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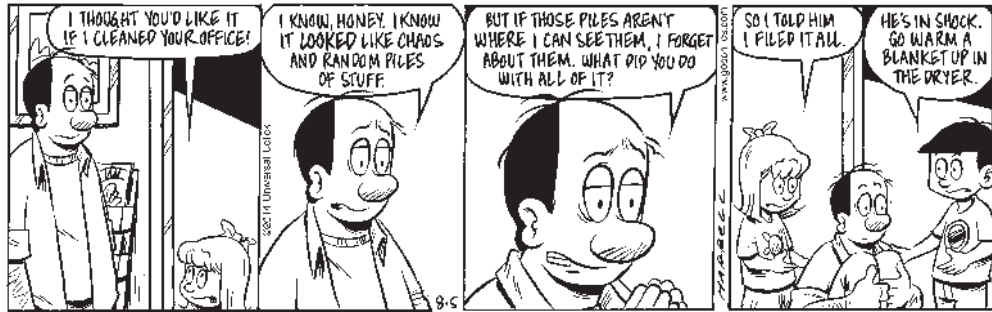
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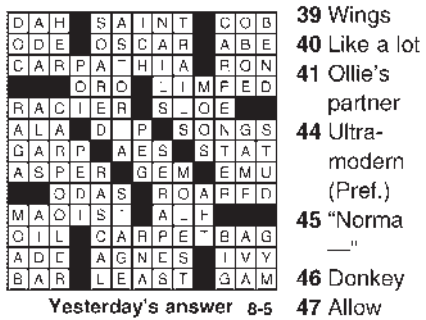


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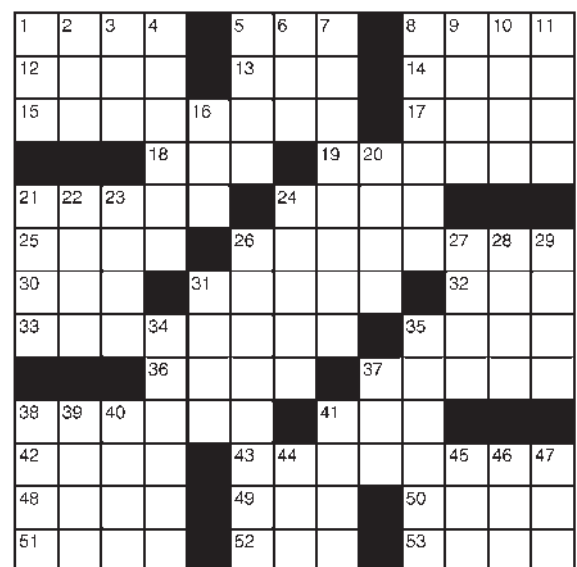
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28 Mrs. Nick Charles
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will come to verbal decisions when dealing with friends, relatives or colleagues. Voice your opinion, but remember to listen to what others have to say as well and you will make a good impression that leads to good results. ★★★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may want to control a situation, but if you force your ideas on someone, you'll end up in a stalemate. Patience will bring far better results. Plant the seed, but don't try to take over. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Express what it is you want and you will find out exactly where you stand. Keep business and personal matters separate to avoid someone meddling in your affairs. Working on a project that excites you will keep you out of trouble. ★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get involved in a project that teaches you something unusual or allows you to work with someone from a different background. Spending time on personal grooming or learning

new skills that will help you advance professionally will bring good results. ★★★★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take care of the little things that you've been promising others you would complete to avoid someone complaining or criticizing. Make alterations based on what you feel will help you move forward. Arguing will be a waste of time and lead to regret. ★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Work quietly behind the scenes. If you can avoid drawing attention to your plans, you will get more done with less interference. Don't let an emotional matter get blown out of proportion. Deception is apparent and must be avoided when dealing with partners. ★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get out and about. Take care of situations that will make a difference to someone in need or to a cause you believe in. The people you meet while helping others will bring about positive change. Avoid a family feud. ★★★★★

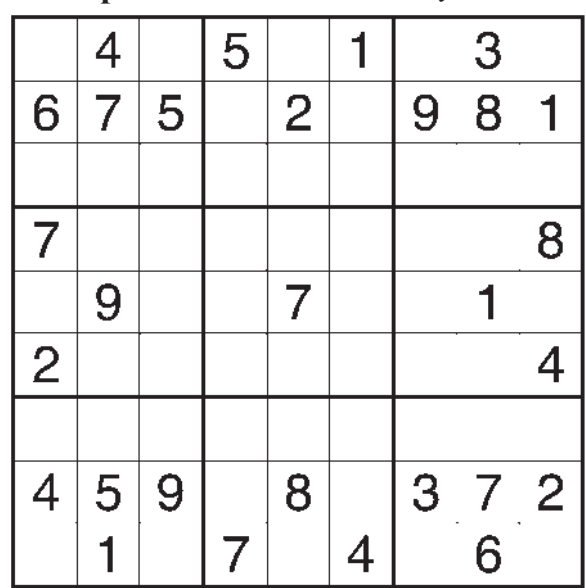
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): It will be futile trying to hide your true feelings. Get things out in the open and make decisions. Changes at home that are out of the ordinary will turn out to be beneficial. Put a little muscle behind your domestic plans. ★★★★★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Emotions will fluctuate. Gravitate toward moneymaking ventures that will bring about positive changes to the way or where you live. Emotional disillusionment is apparent. Ask questions to find out the truth. Keep your money matters a secret. ★★★

SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

By Dave Green



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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Proceed with caution. Participating in community events can lead to problems if you let impulses get the better of you. Don't be too quick to agree with someone. Ulterior motives are present, and protecting your heart and your money is necessary. ★★★



AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider your motives and what you want before putting the blame on someone. Pick your friends wisely. Someone you know well will disappoint you. Tension will mount if honesty is questioned. Focus on your work and doing the best you can. ★★★★★



PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Romance is in the stars. An opportunity to do something that will make you feel good or improve your appearance should be taken. Networking will get you back on track and keep you moving toward a more prosperous future. ★★

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McIlroy wins and goes back to No. 1



AKRON, Ohio (AP)—Winning the British Open wasn't enough to make Rory McIlroy want to take the rest of the year off to celebrate.

Neither was the first World Golf Championship he won Sunday at Firestone.

Another major awaits next week. McIlroy can't wait to get there.

Two weeks after his wire-to-wire win at Royal Liverpool, McIlroy took his game from the links of Britain to the parkland of America and made the game look just as easy. With another powerful performance, he wiped out a three-shot deficit to Sergio Garcia in three holes, closed with a 4-under 66 and returned to No. 1 in the world with a two-shot victory in the Bridgestone Invitational.

He looked just as good as the last time he reached No. 1 in the world during his torrid stretch at the end of 2012.

"This is better," he said. "Mentally, I'm really sharp. I didn't start to think about score. I didn't think about where I was in the tournament. I just playing shot after shot after shot. So yeah, it's good."

Garcia wasn't at his best and closed with a 71. He's not sure it would have mattered. "Everybody saw it," Garcia said. "He played very, very well. He drove the ball miles and very, very straight for the most part. He gave himself a lot of birdie looks."

McIlroy finished the third round with two straight birdies, and not even one day and a rain delay slowed him. He punched an 8-iron out of the rough, under the trees and up the slope to an elevated green to 3 feet to open with a birdie. He drilled a 4-iron from 219 yards into 25 feet for a two-putt birdie at the second, and then followed with a gap wedge to 8 feet for a third straight birdie. Garcia made bogey from the rough, and just like that, he was trailing. The Spaniard never caught up.

McIlroy became the 13th player with a major and a World Golf Championship, and he joined Tiger Woods as the only players to win them in consecutive starts.

Woods wasn't around to see it.

Four months after back surgery, and in his third tournament since his return, Woods injured his lower back when he landed with a thud in the stand from an awkward stance atop a bunker on the second hole. He withdrew after a tee shot on the ninth hole, bending over slowly and struggling to remove the tee from the ground.

It was not clear he Woods could play in the PGA Championship next week.

McIlroy heads south to Valhalla with a full head of steam. After a brief celebration with the claret jug, he was determined to move forward and chase more titles over the final four months of the year. He backed it up with a power-



Rory McIlroy watches his tee shot on the 14th hole, during the third round of the Bridgestone Invitational golf tournament, Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, in Akron, Ohio.

Back pain knocks Woods out of Bridgestone

AKRON, Ohio (AP)—Tiger Woods was stricken with more back pain Sunday and withdrew after eight holes at the Bridgestone Invitational. He struggled to even take off his golf shoes before being driven away to an uncertain future.

In his third tournament since returning from back surgery, this had the look of a serious setback.

Woods injured himself playing a shot from edge of a bunker on the par-5 second hole. With all weight on his right leg, he took an awkward slash at the ball, fell back toward the sand and landed with a thud, and kept jogging out of the bunker from sheer momentum of the steep drop.

"I just jarred it, and it's been spasming ever since," Woods told a PGA Tour official before leaving.

Woods kept playing, hitting a number of shockingly bad shots. He hit one into the water from the fairway on No. 3, coming up some 30 yards short of the flag. And on the par-3 fifth hole, his tee shot was 65 yards short of the hole. From a bunker left of the seventh green, he blasted out and back into the fairway and made double bogey.

He grimaced at impact when he hit a 315-yard drive into the left rough on No. 9. Woods slowly stooped over with his right hand on his leg, reached

toward his back and slowly bent down to remove the tee from the ground. Moments later, he stepped into a cart and headed for the parking lot.

At his car, Woods could barely switch out of his golf shoes. His caddy, Joe La Cava, drove him away.

"It's just the whole lower back," Woods said. "I don't know what happened."

Masters champion Bubba Watson said he didn't see Woods hit the shot that hurt him on No. 2, though he could tell as the round went on that something wasn't right.

"He hit some shots that we're not used to seeing Tiger hit, even when he's coming back from an injury like this," Watson said. "So obviously, something was bothering him. ... Like I told him when I shook his hand, I said, 'I'm praying for you. Hope everything turns out good. Hope to see you next week.'"

With the pain he showed leaving the course—and just four months removed from back surgery—it would seem unlikely that Woods plays next week at Valhalla, where he won the PGA Championship in 2000.

Woods is scheduled to play the opening two rounds with Phil Mickelson and Pdraig Harrington. Mickelson was on the 11th hole - not far

away from No. 9 - when he noticed Woods leaving.

"It didn't look good. It looked like he was really in pain," Mickelson said. "I hope he's OK. I hope he's able to play next week. I hope it's a muscle and nothing serious because I'm really looking forward to playing with him. We rarely get paired together. If we do, it's been early Saturday."

"As much as I love playing with him, playing against him, trying to beat him, we all want him in the field. We all want him back. I just hope he's OK."

If Woods does not play in the PGA Championship, that would be the end of his season. He would have to win the PGA to be eligible for the FedEx Cup playoffs. In six starts on the PGA Tour this year, Woods finished all four rounds only twice.

Woods had back surgery March 31 to alleviate an impinged nerve, forcing him to miss the Masters for the first time and the U.S. Open. He returned after three months to Congressional—three weeks ahead of his own schedule—and reported no pain in missing the cut by four shots at the Quicken Loans National. He also reported no pain in four rounds at the British Open. He finished 69th, 23 shots out of the lead, his worst 72-hole result in a major.

ful performance on a soggy Firestone course to take the top spot in the world from Adam Scott.

"That's the most pleasing thing about this week is not dwelling about what happened at Hoylake," he said. "That's what I'll have to do after this, as well. I've just got to keep moving forward. It's great to have a chance to try to go there to win three in a row. But if you'd have asked me what I'm proudest of this week, it's the mindset that I took into here of not being complacent. I wanted to come here and really contend."

McIlroy finished at 15-under 265 and won \$1.53 million, leaving him \$765 short of Bubba Watson on the PGA Tour money list.

More important was the world ranking.

He lost the No. 1 position in March 2013 when his game was in a downward spiral as he was adjusting to a new equipment deal and going through another management change. But since winning the BMW PGA Championship at Wentworth at May, his game looks as strong as ever.

"Obviously, Rory is in incredible form at the moment," Scott said. "He'll be the man to beat next week by the look of things. And I'll be gunning for him, for sure."

Garcia was a runner-up to McIlroy for the second straight time.

The Spaniard had the daunting task of making up a seven-shot deficit at the British Open, and Garcia put up a great fight until finishing two shots behind at Hoylake. Staked to at three-shot lead at Firestone, it didn't go much better.

Garcia missed a 6-foot birdie on the par-5 second hole with a putt that never looked as if it was going in. His lead down to one, Garcia pulled his tee shot into the gallery on the third hole, striking a woman on the hand and knocking the diamond out of her ring. The diamond was found, about the lone bright spot in his day. Garcia made bogey, and McIlroy rolled in another birdie putt to take the lead.

Garcia made only one birdie, on the ninth hole to share the lead. McIlroy answered with an 8-foot birdie on No. 11 and was on his way.

Marc Leishman (67) finished alone in third.

Patrick Reed holed out for eagle on No. 17 in his round of 65 and gave him a tie for fourth, enough to move him up to No. 7 in the Ryder Cup standings and boost his hopes of making his first team with only the PGA Championship left in the qualifying period.

Phil Mickelson made 10 birdies for a career-best 62 at Firestone.

None of that could top McIlroy, who put on another exhibition and looked every bit the part of the world's best player.

Spurs sign Tony Parker to extension



SAN ANTONIO (AP)—Tony Parker is by far the youngest of the San Antonio Spurs' Big Three, a fact that could have complicated things going forward as Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili get closer to retirement.

As they are wont to do, the Spurs made things real easy.

The Spurs signed Parker to a multi-year contract extension on Friday, en-

suring that the six-time All-Star point guard will be in the fold whether Duncan and Ginobili are able to continue their careers or not. The Spurs did not disclose the deal, but Yahoo! Sports first reported that it was a three-year extension worth \$43.3 million that will kick in in 2015.

"So happy," Parker told the San Antonio Express-News. "Spurs for life!"

Parker has spent all of his 13 NBA seasons with the Spurs, blossom-

ing from an erratic 19-year-old from France into one of the elite point guards in the game. He has helped the Spurs win four of their five NBA titles, the last one coming in June with a dominating victory over the defending champion Miami Heat.

Parker turned 32 in May, but has shown little sign of slowing down. He averaged 16.7 points and 5.7 assists in 29 minutes per game last season and still thrives by changing speeds to

keep defenders off balance. The lightning quickness that got him noticed by the Spurs before he was drafted in 2002 is still there, and he can still blow by defenders at the top of the key to get into the paint for a floater or stop on a dime for one of the best pull-up jumpers in the league.

Duncan will turn 39 next season and Ginobili just turned 38, seemingly putting their careers much closer to the end than Parker's. But coach Gregg Popovich has done a masterful job of managing minutes and keeping the wear and tear on them to a minimum,

so there really is no telling how long this championship-drenched trio can stick together.

Duncan opted in to the final year of his deal earlier this summer and Ginobili made the difficult decision to pull out of the FIBA World Cup so he could rest a stress fracture in his leg and be ready for training camp next season. Popovich signed a contract extension and the Spurs brought back Boris Diaw, Patty Mills and Matt Bonner to try to do just about the only thing this remarkably enduring franchise has yet to do—repeat as champions.

Lackey wins debut as Cards nip Brewers



ST. LOUIS (AP)

—John Lackey won his St. Louis debut when the Cardinals rallied for three runs in the seventh inning, capped by a go-ahead from rookie Oscar Taveras to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 3-2 on Sunday.

The Cardinals took two of three from NL Central-leading Milwaukee and pulled within one game of the division lead.

Lackey (1-0) was the Cardinals' big catch at the trade deadline that capitalized on Boston's sell-off. The right-hander who won the clinching Game 6 of the World Series against St. Louis last fall held Milwaukee to two runs in seven innings and is 12-7 overall.

Trevor Rosenthal struck out Carlos Gomez with two on for his major league-leading 34th save in 38 chances.

Milwaukee starter Matt Garza was pulled after allowing one hit in six innings because he tweaked his left side. Reliever Jeremy Jeffress (0-1) took the loss.



Milwaukee Brewers' Elan Herrera, bottom, is safe at second for a stolen base ahead of the tag from St. Louis Cardinals second baseman Kolten Wong during the fifth inning of a baseball game Sunday, Aug. 3, 2014, in St. Louis.

Nationals 4, Phillies 0

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg struck out 10 batters while pitching three-hit ball for seven innings, earning his first win in a month as the Washington Nationals beat Philadelphia.

Strasburg (8-9) had been 0-3 in his previous five starts, losing his last three outings. He walked one and didn't permit a runner past second base.

Denard Span had two hits, two steals, an RBI and scored a run for NL East-leading Washington.

Cole Hamels (6-6) allowed an unearned run over seven innings.

Giants 9, Mets 0

In New York, Madison Bumgarner pitched a two-hitter and Hunter Pence homered twice to lead the San Francisco Giants past the New York Mets.

Bumgarner (13-8) beat the Mets again, running his record to 3-0 in five games against them and giving the Giants their third win in 10 games. Brandon Belt and Buster Posey also went deep for the Giants.

The left-hander struck out 10 and walked one in his second career shutout.

Bartolo Colon (10-9) was denied his 200th career win.

Padres 4, Braves 3

In San Diego, Everth Cabrera singled in the winning run in the 10th inning as the San Diego Padres sent Atlanta to its sixth straight loss.

Will Venable led off the 10th with an infield single against David Hale (3-4) and Alexi Amarista walked. The Braves got a double play on Renee Rivera's sacrifice bunt attempt with Amarista taking second.

Chris Nelson walked and after a double steal, Cabrera lined a hard single past second baseman Ramiro Pena.

Tim Lincecum (4-2) pitched one inning for the win.

Reds 7, Marlins 3

In Miami, Billy Hamilton scored three times to help the Cincinnati Reds break out of an offensive slump and beat Miami.

Todd Frazier had a season-high four hits and Devin Mesoraco hit a two-run single for the Reds, now 5-11 since the All-Star break.

Mike Leake (9-9) allowed one run in

D-backs' Goldschmidt out for year with broken hand

PHOENIX (AP)—Arizona Diamondbacks star first baseman Paul Goldschmidt is going to miss the rest of the season because of a broken left hand.

Manager Kirk Gibson announced the news Sunday, two days after Goldschmidt was hit by a pitch from Pittsburgh reliever Ernesto Frieri.

Gibson put Goldschmidt's rehabilitation timetable at eight weeks, with the season ending in late September. No surgery is expected.

Goldschmidt hit .300 with 19 home runs and 69 RBIs this season. A two-time All-Star, he led the NL with 125 RBIs last year and tied for the league lead with 36 homers while batting .302.

Goldschmidt turns 27 next month.

The Diamondbacks used Mark Trumbo at first base on Sunday and

will rotate players at the position over the rest of the season.

"A little bit of a trial and error to see how it works," Gibson said. "It's going to be hard to replace Goldy over there with what he brought us with his consistency."

Meanwhile, injured New York Yankees pitcher Masahiro Tanaka was expecting an update on Monday on his rehabilitation process and when he might start throwing again, manager Joe Girardi said Sunday.

"We said three weeks was the mark," Girardi said, and it has been three weeks since the 25-year-old Japanese right-hander received a platelet-rich plasma injection—part of the treatment that the team hopes will allow him to avoid surgery to address the torn ligament in his right elbow.

ESPN.com, citing an unnamed

source, said the team had already decided that Tanaka would throw the ball on Monday, but Girardi didn't confirm that.

"Catch or no catch—those are the options," Girardi said.

Tanaka, a rookie in North America, was leading the American League with 12 wins when he was injured, but his level had dropped off in his last four starts, and he was knocked out of a game for the first time in his major league career on July 8 when he surrendered five runs in 6 2/3 innings against Cleveland. Even if he can begin throwing this week, Tanaka will be weeks away from returning to play.

He inked a seven-year deal worth \$155 million with the Yankees after an unbeaten campaign last year for the Japan League champion Rakuten Eagles.

six innings. He has won all three of his career starts against the Marlins.

Jacob Turner (4-7), starting in place of injured Henderson Alvarez, allowed five runs in four innings.

Cubs 7, Dodgers 3

In Los Angeles, Edwin Jackson pitched six innings for his first victory in six weeks and Chris Coghlan hit a tie-breaking two-run homer as the Chicago Cubs beat the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Jackson (6-11) was 0-4 with a 7.39 ERA in his previous seven starts.

The NL West-leading Dodgers dropped two of three to the team with the third-worst record in the majors.

Josh Beckett (6-6) gave up three runs and six hits in four-plus innings in his fifth straight start when he failed to get past the fifth.

Diamondbacks 3, Pirates 2

In Phoenix, Arizona runner Nick Ahmed put his arms up as he slid into second base and deflected a potential

double play relay in the 10th inning as the Diamondbacks beat Pittsburgh.

Manager Clint Hurdle and the Pirates lingered on the field to argue with the umpires, to no avail. The umpires said the call couldn't be challenged.

With runners at the corners and one out, Andy Marte hit a grounder to shortstop Jordy Mercer, who flipped to second baseman Jayson Nix for a forceout.

As Nix threw to first, his toss hit Ahmed and the ball rolled away, allowing Tuffy Gosewich to score the winning run.

Evan Marshall (4-2) got the win.

Tigers 4, Rockies 0

In Detroit, Anibal Sanchez struck out 12 and Victor Martinez hit a three-run homer as the Detroit Tigers finished off a weekend sweep of Colorado.

Sanchez (8-5) became the third straight Tigers starter to dominate the Rockies, allowing only two hits in seven innings.

In the three-game sweep, Justin

Verlander, Rick Porcello and Sanchez combined for a 1.57 ERA with 27 strikeouts and two walks in 23 innings.

Jorge De Le Rosa (11-7) gave up four runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings. All six hits came with two outs.

Orioles1, Mariners 0

In Baltimore, Chris Tillman pitched seven innings of three-hit ball to outduel Hisashi Iwakuma and Nick Markakis hit his first career leadoff homer as the Baltimore Orioles beat Seattle.

Tillman (8-5) struck out six and walked none to earn his first win since June 27. A second-round draft pick by Seattle in 2006, Tillman is 6-0 in six career starts against the Mariners.

Newcomer Andrew Miller worked a perfect eighth and Zach Britton got three outs for his 23rd save.

Iwakuma (9-6) allowed one run, five hits and two walks in 7 2-3 innings. He lost on the road for the first time in 15 starts since July 2013, going 9-0 over that span.

Royals 4, Athletics 2

In Oakland, James Shields pitched eight sharp innings for his first win in nearly a month as the Kansas City Royals beat Oakland.

Shields (10-6) retired his first 15 batters before Josh Reddick hit a leadoff homer in the sixth. Reddick homered again in the eighth.

Greg Holland pitched the ninth for his AL-leading 31st save.

The A's have the best record in baseball at 67-43, but have sputtered offensively since trading cleanup hitter Yoenis Cespedes to Boston on Thursday in a deal for ace Jon Lester.

Scott Kazmir (12-4) took the loss.

Angels 7, Rays 5

In St. Petersburg, Mike Trout hit RBI double to key a five-run first inning as the Los Angeles Angels beat Tampa Bay in a game delayed by a power outage at Tropicana Field.

There was a 19-minute wait during the third inning after lightning struck a nearby power substation, causing some of the stadium lights to go out.

Trout had three hits, walked and stole a base. The Angels took two of three and handed the Rays their first series loss since early July.

Trout and the Angels took a quick lead against Jake Odorizzi (7-9).

Jered Weaver (12-6) gave up six hits and four walks, but only two runs in six innings. He is 4-0 lifetime at Tampa Bay.

Huston Street got his sixth save since joining the Angels.

Twins 16, White Sox 3

In Chicago, Rookie Danny Santana had five hits and four RBIs as the Minnesota Twins scored nine times in the eighth inning of a rain-delayed romp over the Chicago White Sox.

Santana had two hits and two RBIs in the Twins' big inning.

Minnesota's Chris Parmelee, Oswaldo Arcia and Eric Fryer hit consecutive homers in the ninth. It was the first time the Twins had three consecutive homers since July 12, 2001, at Milwaukee.

Kyle Gibson (10-8) got the win.

White Sox relievers Javy Guerra (1-3), Taylor Thompson, Ronald Belisario, Eric Surkamp and Andre Rienzo allowed a total of 15 runs and 18 hits over the final four innings.

Astros 6, Blue Jays 1

In Houston, Scott Feldman worked around eight hits in his first complete game in nearly a year, and Chris Carter and Matt Dominguez each had two RBIs as the Houston Astros beat Toronto.

Feldman (5-8) retired 17 of the last 19 batters, including nine straight at one point, and won for the first time since June 29.

Marcus Stroman (7-3) allowed five runs on seven hits in three-plus innings.


Indians 4, Rangers 3

In Cleveland, Michael Brantley homered to lead off the bottom of the 12th inning as the Cleveland Indians swept Texas.

Brantley sent a full-count pitch from Phil Klein (0-1) into Texas' bullpen in right field. It was the Indians' seventh win of the season on a game-ending hit.

The Indians, who were 2-51 when trailing after eight innings, tied it in the ninth on David Murphy's two-run homer with one out off Neftali Feliz.

Doctors say George faces long rehab process

 **INDIANAPOLIS** (AP)—Doctors say Paul George’s biggest battle is yet to come, and it may take a year or more before he returns to the Pacers lineup.

One day after the two-time All-Star suffered a gruesome open tibia-fibula fracture on his right leg during a USA Basketball intrasquad scrimmage in Las Vegas, the questions began in earnest about George’s recovery—and whether he’d ever regain the form a that made him one of NBA’s most complete players.

The 24-year-old George said he was resting comfortably Saturday morning following surgery. Pacers president of basketball operations Larry Bird later issued a statement saying hopes George will return to Indianapolis next week before the long rehab process begins.

“The thing about breaking a bone is that if you get it back in the appropriate position, it can be as good as new,” said Dr. James Gladstone, the co-chief of sports medicine at Icahn School at

Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York. “If the muscle is not involved and the bone and muscle are fully healed, then I think he will get back (to his previous form).”

Gladstone, who is not treating George, said it usually takes athletes nine to 12 months to completely recover from this type of injury. If that time table holds up, the earliest possible return for George would be May when the NBA playoffs are in full swing.

If George misses the entire season, he would have almost 15 months before opening day 2015—a timeline that coincides with Dr. Patrick Kersey’s prognosis. Kersey, a physician at St. Vincent Sports Performance in Indianapolis, is the medical director of USA Football and treated Louisville guard Kevin Ware when he suffered a similarly horrific injury during the 2013 NCAA tournament regional finals.

Although Kersey is not George’s physician, either, he said it will likely take six to 12 weeks for the bone to fully heal and another six to 10 weeks for George to start walking normally.

If all goes well, Kersey said George could be back in six to 12 months, though he warned it may take George as long as 18 months to start playing like his old self.

The biggest obstacle for George may be his own patience.

“It’s a challenge because (athletes) want to push the envelope always,” Kersey said. “First, he has to get back to a normal life and then the body needs to work in an efficient way. Once those pieces are in place you can kind of start training and then return to basketball.”

Bird gave no time table Saturday. “It is way too early to speculate on his return as the No. 1 priority for everyone will be his recovery,” Bird said. “Our initial discussions with our doctors and the doctors in Las Vegas have us very optimistic.”

George has plenty of fans wishing him well.

Teammates, reigning MVP Kevin Durant and LeBron James all used their Twitter accounts to offer support, and at the Indianapolis Colts training camp in nearby Anderson, coach

Chuck Pagano and punter Pat McAfee joined the chorus.

“This is a devastating injury to a great, great player and we want Paul to know that we’re all family in this city and our thoughts and prayers go out to him. We’ve got his back,” said Pagano, who missed 13 games two years ago after being diagnosed with cancer.

McAfee, a big Pacers fan, added: “He’s a good guy off the court and a baller on the court, and I can’t wait to see him back on it and win the Comeback Player of the Year Award.”

George does have several advantages.

First, he’s in top shape, which could speed the healing process. Second, he’s become more nutrition-conscious over the last two years, something Kersey said could be a key factor in the recovery. Plus, he’s a relentless worker, which is how George broke out of the shadows of more highly touted high school recruits and NBA prospects to impress Bird enough to draft him No. 10 overall in 2010.

But Gladstone’s advice is to be cautious.

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to-back crowns, as he trailed by five shots after the opening round, following his 5-over 77 last Saturday. Sablan was just two strokes behind Manibusan after the first nine holes, as the former tallied a 2-over par 38. Manibusan then gained more cushion on the back nine where Sablan carded a 3-over par 39.

In the second round, Sablan struggled early with his 7-over 43 on the front nine and though he registered a field-best 3-over par 39 on the back, it was not enough to help him retain the Super Senior Flight title.

Meanwhile, three other golfers joined Sablan and Manibusan in the podium with Sang Hee Sui placing

third and beating Toshiyuki Mori in the tiebreak and Eddie Peter rounding out the Top 5. Sui shot an 80 and 85 for a gross 165, tying Mori, who logged an 83 in the first round and 82 in the second. Peter posted an 82 and 84 for a two-day total of 166.

In other results, Barry Wilson, Vic Borja, Jun Suk Kim, Takao Urusawa, and Namki Kim ruled their respective flights.

Wilson and Borja shared top honors in the Senior Flight after finishing the two-round tournament with identical scores of 156. Borja registered a 79 in the first round and forced a tie for first place with Wilson after tallying a 77 in the final round. Wilson had 78s on both days to notch his fourth straight Senior crown. Day 1 co-leader Frederico Flores dropped to second as he came up with an 81 in the second round after

firing a 71 in the opening day. Flores also had a two-day total of 156, but lost the tiebreak to Wilson and Borja. Tars Olopai, who was in the company of Flores at the top spot with his 71 in the first round fell to fifth after recording an 86 in the second round for a total of 163. Olopai lost in the tiebreak for fourth with Rick Kautz, who had a 77 and 86. Joseph Sablan finished fourth with his 160, built from a 79 in the first round and 81 in the second.

In the A Flight, Jun Suk Kim escaped with a one-shot win over Feng Chun Jin. Jun Suk Kim scored a 76 and 80 for a two-day total of 156, while Jin tallied 157 after carding an 81 and 76. The battle for the next two spots was also close, as third Joseph Muna recorded a 158 (79 and 79) for a one-stroke lead over fourth finisher Eui Suk Ko (76 and

83). Dong Young Lee completed the Top 5 with his 165 (81 and 84).

In the B Flight, the winner was decided by only one stroke, too with Urusawa edging Leo Ganacias, 162-163. Urusawa, who nailed an 84 in the first round stole the division win after firing a 78 in the second round. Ganacias also had an 84 in the first round and fell one stroke short of tying Urusawa with his 79 in the second round. Dae Young Yoon (165), Benjamin Mabborang (167), and Jun Calma (167) rounded out the Top 5.

In the C Flight, Namki Kim notched a three-stroke win over Tony Yan. Namki Kim logged an 83 and 93 in the two-day competition for a total of 176, while Yan registered an 87 and 92 sfor his 179. Bing Bai, Matthew Ludwig, and Mike Cruz joined Namki Kim and Yan in the Top 5 after tallying identical scores of 181.

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dured Chris Hilario and Jerry Hibi, 21-19, 15-21, 21-16. Three other pairs are entered in the men’s A doubles and drew byes in last Saturday’s games. Galvez is back, but has a new partner in Deether Edralin, while Macoi Aguda teams up with Shintaro and Jordan Pangilinan join forces with Ezekiel Macario.

Besides the men’s A doubles matches, six other doubles division games took place last Saturday.

In the men’s B doubles, Pastor Pang and Oh Im Bog swept Edwin Montoya and Joel Ortega, 21-20, 21-17, while in the men’s C doubles, Noel Banadera and Noel Florento debuted with a 21-0, 21-18 triumph against John Cano and Jeremi Montenejo.

In the women’s A doubles, Janelle Pangilinan and Jenine Savellano walked past Loyda Ito and Elna Curate, 21-7, 21-16, while Lani Bartolome and Windy Fernandez had similar two-game victory, 21-19, 21-19. In the 35-and-above division, Toshiko Obata and Baby Banadera topped Shirley Kim and Lani Santos, 21-9, 21-16,

while Julie Lee and Rowena Sison had a free win after a no-show from Nicole Malasarte and Patricia Abantao in the women’s B doubles. The other women’s doubles match last Saturday had Cheng Saturno and Lucella Lampera beating Christy Villafior and Curate, 21-15, 21-17.

Meanwhile, in the singles divisions, Galvez started his title defense bid in Class A with a 21-16, 21-17 win over his doubles partner Edralin. Joining Galvez in the winners circle last Saturday were Macario, Abantao, Patrick Fernandez, Leo Su, Roxe Lazaro, Toshiaki, Sang Do Park, and

Allan Lee.

In the men’s C singles, Allan Lee prevailed over Tae Ho Kim; 21-11, 21-18; Park downed Sato, 21-13, 21-17; Toshiaki won over Jun Kim, 21-11, 21-14; Patrick Fernandez slipped past Jerome Malasarte, 20-21, 21-17, 21-15; and Su defeated A.J. Ortega, 21-12, 13-21, 21-12.

In the lone men’s B singles match, Macario dominated Shintaro, 21-12, 21-18. In the women’s singles, Abantao made short work of Gigi Zapanta in Class C, 21-15, 21-15, while Lazaro also took only two games to beat Vilma Reyes, 21-17, 21-19.

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on the lead, 82-80, with still 1:34 left on the clock.

Alex Lauron attempted to retaliate on the other end, but fumbled on his way to the basket, resulting to another Flip Top fastbreak play. Jun Estolas missed the getaway layup, but White Capalad was there for the trailer and putback, upping Flip Top’s lead to four, 84-80, with less than a minute left in the match.

Again, Hite was too fast for its own good, rushing the inbound play and losing the ball to Jun Fidelino, who intercepted the inbound pass intended

to Dexter Tenorio. With the steal, Hite was forced to commit three quick fouls to stop the clock and hope for misses from Flip Top. However, Jun Estolas took care of the two charities to make it a six-point cushion, going into the last 13.6 seconds of the game.

A split charity from Dexter Tenorio cut the deficit to five and Flip Top hung on for the win as it melted the clock.

Flip Top escaped five the five-point win despite trailing by as much as 11 points in the closing minutes of the third canto. The third period started with Flip Top ahead, 41-33, but Hite bounced back and took a 65-44 advantage after holding the former to three points in eight minutes and scoreless in six. A triple from White Capalad in the last

few seconds of the third quarter sliced the deficit to single digit and Flip Top continued to fight back in the fourth.

Flip Top began the fourth canto with three straight treys. Jun Estolas canned back-to-back shots from downtown, while Capalad opened the final frame with his second trey to move their team within two, 66-68. It was a neck-and-neck game from thereon with Flip Top capitalizing on Hite’s poor shot selections and errors to steal the win.

Hite lost despite a good first quarter that saw them getting a four-point cushion, 19-14. Hite surrendered the driver’s seat in the second period, as it was held to 14 points, while Flip Top tallied 26 to end the first half with the upper hand, 41-33.

Perry Inos led Flip Top’s second-quarter comeback, drilling eight of his 13 points in that period. Four other Flip Top players finished in twin digits with Jun Estolas and Capalad firing 17 each, Fidelino adding 14, and Arciaga chipping in 12. Zack Babauta led Hite with his 16 markers, while Tristan Montes contributed 15.

Flip Top 87 –J. Estolas 17, Capalad 17, Fidelino 14, Inos 13, Arciaga 12, D. Estolas 8, Manangan 4.

Hite 81 – Babauta 16, T. Montes 15, Lauron 13, Camacho 10, Tenorio 8, Diaz 8, Sison 6, A. Tagle 5, A. Montes 4, Lerio 3, M. Tagle 2.

Scoring by quarters: 15-19, 41-33, 65-57, 87-87.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	62	48	.564	—
Toronto	60	53	.531	3½
New York	57	53	.518	5
Tampa Bay	54	57	.486	8½
Boston	49	62	.441	13½

Central Division

Detroit	61	47	.565	—
Kansas City	57	53	.518	5
Cleveland	56	55	.505	6½
Chicago	54	58	.482	9
Minnesota	50	60	.455	12

West Division

Oakland	67	43	.609	—
Los Angeles	66	44	.600	1
Seattle	57	54	.514	10½
Houston	47	65	.420	21
Texas	43	68	.387	24½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Washington	60	49	.550	—
Atlanta	58	54	.518	3½
Miami	54	57	.486	7
New York	53	58	.477	8
Philadelphia	49	63	.438	12½

Central Division

Milwaukee	61	51	.545	—
St. Louis	59	51	.536	1
Pittsburgh	59	52	.532	1½
Cincinnati	56	55	.505	4½
Chicago	47	63	.427	13

WEST DIVISION

Los Angeles	63	49	.563	—
San Francisco	60	51	.541	2½
San Diego	51	60	.459	11½
Arizona	49	63	.438	14
Colorado	44	67	.396	18½

BRIDGESTONE SCORES

FINAL ROUND

Rory McIlroy (550), \$1,530,000	69-64-66-66=265
Sergio Garcia (315), \$900,000	68-61-67-71=267
Marc Leishman (200), \$522,000	64-69-68-67=268
Keegan Bradley (114), \$308,000	68-67-67-69=271
Patrick Reed (114), \$308,000	67-68-71-65=271
Justin Rose (114), \$308,000	65-67-70-69=271
Charl Schwartzel (114), \$308,000	65-69-73-64=271
Rickie Fowler (81), \$170,000	67-67-72-67=273
Graeme McDowell (81), \$170,000	71-70-66-66=273
Ryan Moore (81), \$170,000	65-73-68-67=273
Adam Scott (81), \$170,000	69-68-65-71=273
Matt Kuchar (65), \$115,000	71-66-72-65=274
Hideki Matsuyama (65), \$115,000	70-71-65-68=274
Brandt Snedeker (65), \$115,000	68-68-68-70=274
Thomas Bjorn, \$97,500	69-68-69-69=275
Jim Furyk (56), \$97,500	69-68-69-69=275
Hunter Mahan (56), \$97,500	71-65-71-68=275
Phil Mickelson (56), \$97,500	71-73-69-62=275
Kevin Stadler (51), \$89,000	71-70-66-69=276
Henrik Stenson (51), \$89,000	71-66-68-71=276
Lee Westwood (51), \$89,000	72-71-70-63=276
Gary Woodland (51), \$89,000	70-68-68-70=276
Branden Grace, \$82,000	69-71-67-70=277
Zach Johnson (47), \$82,000	70-70-68-69=277
Kevin Na (47), \$82,000	71-73-66-67=277
Ernie Els (43), \$75,200	71-69-70-68=278
J.B. Holmes (43), \$75,200	69-69-67-73=278
John Senden (43), \$75,200	74-66-67-71=278
Jimmy Walker (43), \$75,200	69-70-70-69=278
Fabrizio Zanotti, \$75,200	70-71-68-69=278
Angel Cabrera (38), \$69,500	73-68-70-68=279
Victor Dubuisson, \$69,500	72-70-69-68=279
Harris English (38), \$69,500	69-69-68-73=279
Matt Jones (38), \$69,500	70-70-69-70=279
Francesco Molinari, \$69,500	67-70-73-69=279
Webb Simpson (38), \$69,500	72-69-70-68=279
Brendon de Jonge (33), \$64,500	72-69-70-69=280
Jamie Donaldson, \$64,500	68-70-71-71=280
Seung-Yul Noh (33), \$64,500	69-69-70-72=280
Bubba Watson (33), \$64,500	69-70-73-68=280
Bill Haas (29), \$61,000	71-69-69-72=281
Russell Henley (29), \$61,000	72-70-71-68=281
Chris Kirk (29), \$61,000	69-73-72-67=281
Steven Bowditch (27), \$59,000	69-71-73-69=282
Miguel A. Jimenez, \$57,500	69-69-72-73=283
Brendon Todd (26), \$57,500	74-70-69-70=283
Matt Every (24), \$55,500	74-68-73-69=284
Stephen Gallacher, \$55,500	74-71-69-70=284
Jordan Spieth (22), \$54,000	71-70-73-71=285
Tim Clark (21), \$52,500	72-73-70-71=286
Luke Donald (21), \$52,500	73-70-72-71=286
David Howell, \$49,625	69-71-71-76=287
Thongchai Jaidee, \$49,625	70-74-71-72=287
Ian Poulter (18), \$49,625	73-73-70-71=287
Scott Stallings (18), \$49,625	72-75-68-72=287
Martin Kaymer (15), \$47,750	77-68-72-71=288
Joost Luiten, \$47,750	73-73-71-71=288
Jonas Blixt (12), \$46,500	75-72-69-73=289
Alexander Levy, \$46,500	72-71-77-69=289
Richard Sterne, \$46,500	75-70-73-71=289
Louis Oosthuizen (10), \$45,500	75-73-67-75=290
Gonzalo Fdez-Castano (9), \$45,000	79-71-67-74=291
Pablo Larrazabal, \$44,250	71-74-77-70=292
Steve Stricker (8), \$44,250	74-73-72-73=292
Brian Harman (6), \$43,750	72-70-75-76=293
Jason Dufner (5), \$43,375	70-74-73-77=294
Mikko Ilonen, \$43,375	75-74-73-72=294
Daisuke Maruyama, \$43,000	73-73-73-78=297
David Lynn (2), \$42,625	76-72-75-75=298
Yoshitaka Takeya, \$42,625	74-75-74-75=298
Kevin Streelman (1), \$42,250	78-71-78-73=300
Tano Goya, \$42,000	76-77-71-78=302

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CNMI vs Macau at EAFF East Asian Cup Preliminary Round 1

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The CNMI's female players huddle before their game against Macau.



Players of the CNMI Women's National Team pay respect to the CNMI flag before playing against Macau in the Preliminary Round 1 of the 2015 EAFF East Asian Cup held last month at the Guam Training Centre in Harmon. The CNMI won, 7-0.



The CNMI's Jeralyn Castillo stops the ball, while a Macau player stays on defense.



Carrie Schuler lifts Alexa Vergara after the latter scored the CNMI's first goal, while Marielle Gariguez moves in to join the celebration.



CNMI captain Jeralyn Castillo shakes hand with her counterpart in Macau.



A Macau defender sneaks in, as the CNMI's Carrie Schuler dribbles.



The CNMI's Emily Maxberry is guarded by two Macau players.



The CNMI's Alexa Vergara fights for possession against a Macau player.



Megan Silberberger gets away from two Macau defenders.



The CNMI's female players get a hi-five from members of the Blue Ayuyus after the win against Macau.



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Manibusan triumphs in Super Seniors debut

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Former Superior Court presiding judge Edward Manibusan won his Super Seniors debut in the 19th Tournament of Champions held over the weekend at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

Manibusan, who joined the Seniors Flight in 2011 and 2012 and missed the 2013 competition before jumping to the Super Seniors Flight this year, carded a 7-over par 151 in the two-day tournament to beat 31 other golfers in his division.

He shot a 72 in the first round last Saturday, firing 36s on both nines of the west course of Laolao, before recording a 79 in the second and final round last Sunday. Manibusan was one of the only two golfers in the more than 150-player field to hit an even par in the first round. The other one was Ladies Flight champion Leina Kim.

In the second round, the lawyer was on track on the front nine of the facility's east course, recording a 2-over par

38 before closing out with a 5-over par 41 on the back. Despite slowing down in the last day of the tournament, Manibusan managed to become the only golfer in his division to score in the 70s on both days and earn a wide winning



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Super Seniors Flight champion Edward Manibusan is flanked by TOC chair Ben Babauta, left, and Titan Imports, Inc. managing director John Antenoracruz during the awards ceremony for the 19th Tournament of Champions last Sunday at the Laolao Bay Golf Resort.

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Flip Top battles back vs Hite



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Flip Top's Jun Estolas pulls up for a baseline jumper against three Hite defenders during the third quarter of their game in the DLX caging last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

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Flip Top showed poise in the home-stretch to thwart Hite, 87-81, in the second game in the 2014 DLX Invitational Basketball League last Friday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Flip Top won the back-and-forth match after pushing the right buttons in the last two minutes of the close game, while Hite committed two turnovers and rushed their plays.

The opposing teams entered the final two-minute mark of the game tied, 80-all, after Jun Estolas canned a pair of charities. Zack Babauta then tried to regain the lead quickly, pulling up for a long jumper and missed with his teammates not settled yet at the paint for the possible offensive rebound. After Babauta's hastily-taken shot, Flip Top got the rebound and pushed the ball hard with Mike Arciaga on the finishing end, converting a banked shot that put his team

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Favored players deliver in Shirley's Badminton Classic

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Last year's finalists Sam Jones and Glenn Bluutjens got off to a good start after sweeping their first game in the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic



Jones and Bluutjens, who are favored to advance to the finals anew this year and avenge their 2013 loss to Andreau

last Saturday night at the TSL Sports Complex.

Galvez and Jexler Caranto, were first paired against Ferdie Arago and Aries Cordero and notched a 21-18, 21-18 win in the men's A doubles.

In the other men's A doubles match, Young Son Yu and Jongmin Lee en-

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Sam Jones leaps for a return, while Glenn Bluutjens dodges from the frontline during their men's A doubles game against Aries Cordero and Ferdie Arago in the 2014 Shirley's Badminton Classic last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.